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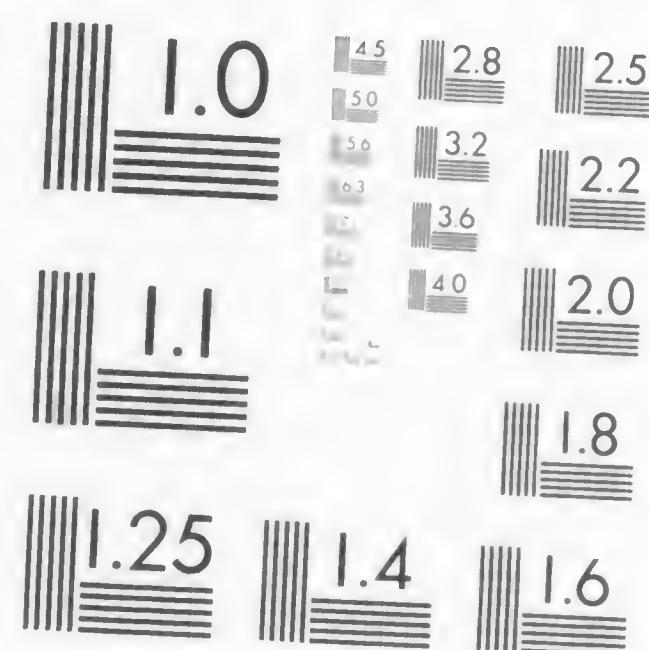
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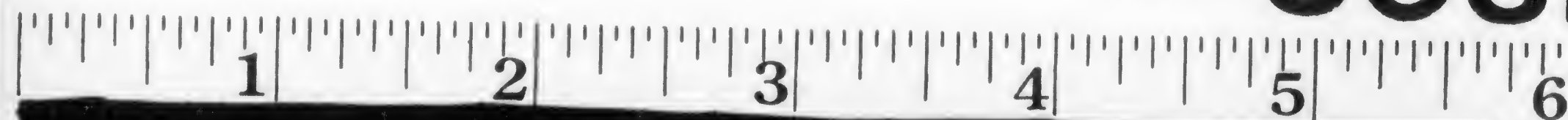
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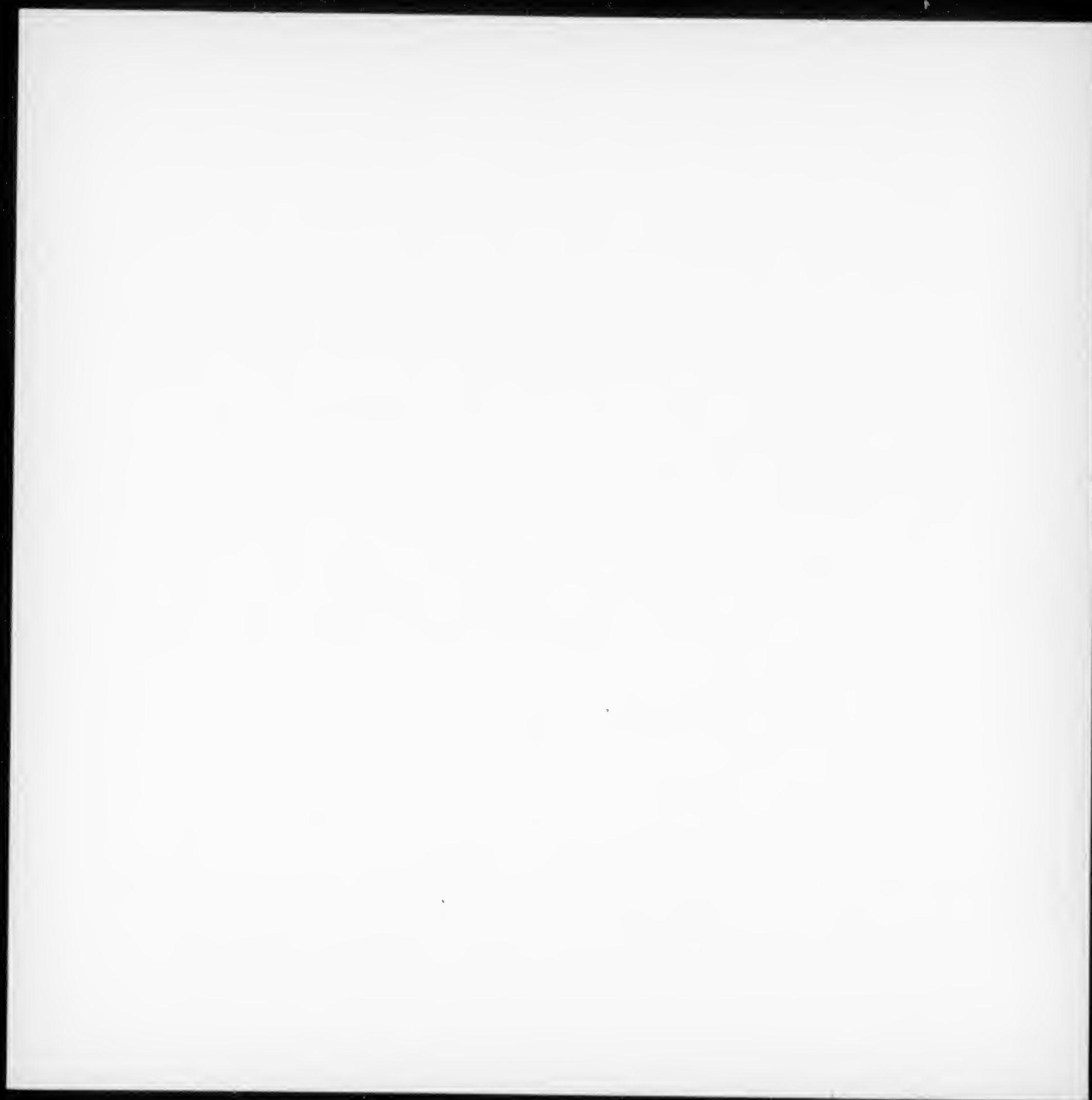
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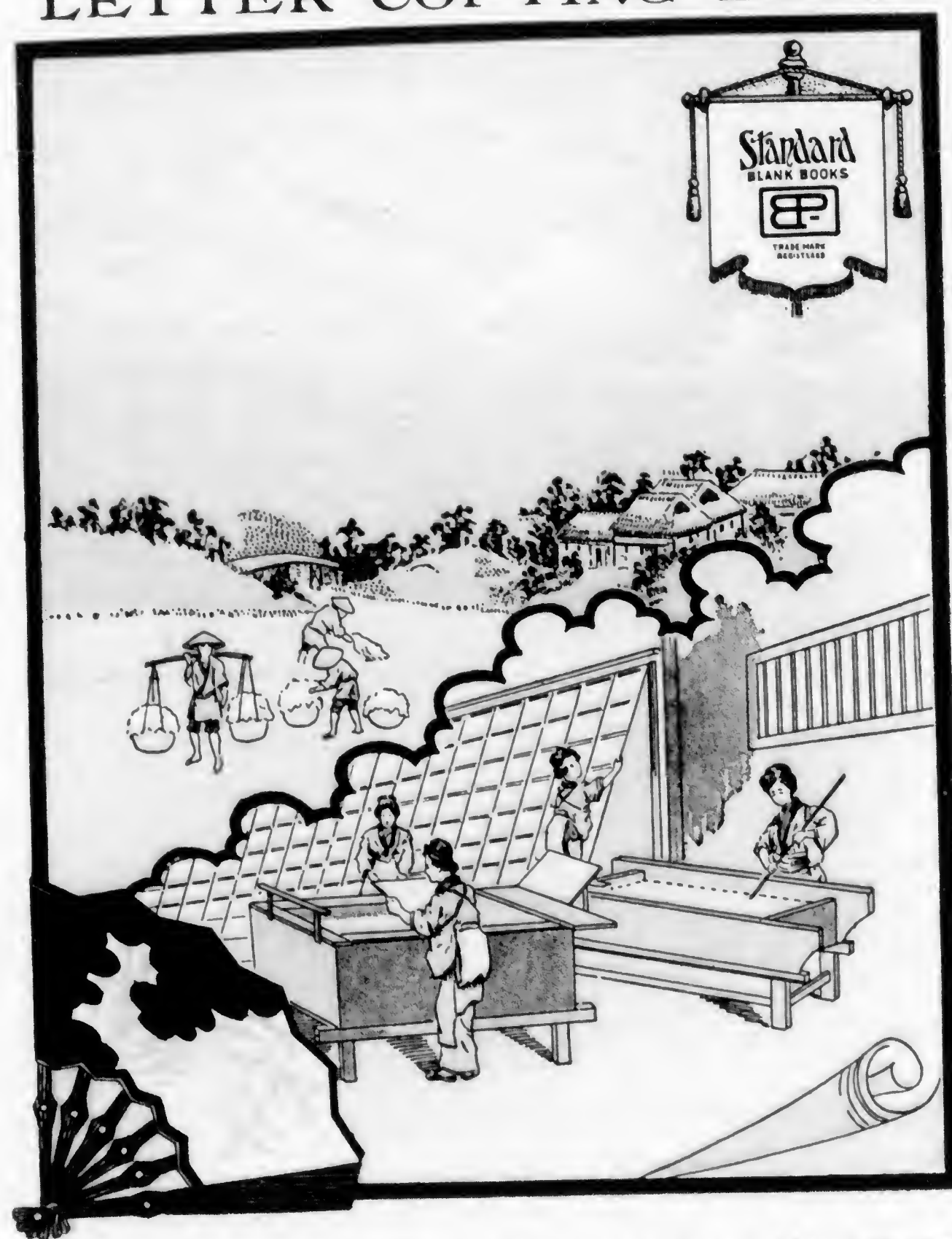
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August 14, 1919, - May 14, 1921.

August 14, 1919.

Dear Preble:

Very many thanks for your letter of the 5th inst. with very full data concerning Bear skulls received in July. I shall be very glad if you have time to look over the additional skulls that will have arrived between the time you made the last memoranda and say August 24, so that I may be able to settle as many accounts as possible at the end of the present month.

I should be obliged also if you will kindly phone Scellick to send me his bill for cleaning skulls to date. He usually sends me a bill about the end of each month, but no bill for July has been received.

Both Mrs. Merriam and I were pained to learn of your mother's death.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

E. A. Mearns

Mr. E. A. Preble,
U.S. Biological Survey,
Washington, D. C.

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August 14, 1919.

Prof. Mark Francis,

College Station, Texas.

My dear Sir:

Very many thanks for your courtesy and promptness in sending me a set of photographs of the fossil Bear skull concerning which I wrote you a short time ago.

On my return to Washington in the fall, I will compare this photograph with specimens in the National Museum Collection.

I am interested to know that there are many fossils in your region, and trust that some of our paleontologists will take advantage of the opportunity of securing valuable material.

With renewed thanks,

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

E. A. Mearns

August 14, 1919.

My dear Bishop Hanna:

Very many thanks for your courtesy in the matter of the Mission Records. I will write Bishop Cantwell of Los Angeles at once using your name, and shall look forward confidently to the long-hoped-for opportunity of augmenting and checking our work by the original Mission Records.

Appreciating your kindness in the matter,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Hanna

Most Reverend Edward J. Hanna,
1100 Franklin St.,
San Francisco, Calif.

August 14, 1919.

Agent, Indian Office,
Redding, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Have you any record of an allotment on Trinity River below Junction in the name of Ellen Clifford? Some years ago she was told by an agent of the Indian Office named Radolph that she had been given an allotment on the south side of Trinity River about 5 miles below Junction and just above Chapman Ranch. It may be possible that the allotment stands in the name of Meckel, as she lived for some years with the Meckel family.

She is now an old woman about 70, and I have promised to help her locate her allotment. The Indian Office at Washington referred me to Mr. Mortsoff, Superintendent of Hoopa Valley School, but he finds no record under her name in his office.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Hanna

CHM:ME

August 14, 1919.

Prof. J. B. Mortsoff, Superintendent
Hoopa Valley School,
Hoopa, Calif.

My dear Sir:

Very many thanks for your courtesy and trouble in hunting for the record of a land allotment on Trinity River supposed to be in the name of Ellen Clifford. Mr. Andrews, Register of the Land Office at Sacramento, writes me that he has no record of this allotment. I have not heard from Redding, through which office I believe the allotment was originally made.

It is barely possible that Ellen Clifford has changed her name since the allotment was made, but I think not, as she took the name Clifford from the family with whom she lived for many years.

Very truly yours,

S. B. Mortsoff

CEM:MG

August 16, 1919.

Dear Doctor Grinnell:

Various matters have delayed me in replying to your letter of the 6th inst. When it arrived, I hoped to arrange matters so that I could attend the Cooper Club meeting when Witzner Stone was there, but things at this end of the line did not work out right, so I had to give it up. I may be able to be with you at a later meeting.

Do you know anything about the alleged Sea Cow captured in the Bay near Santa Cruz on or about July 20? The papers stated that it was about 20 feet long, weighed about a thousand pounds and "had two ugly rows of teeth." I suppose it was some sort of a shark.

For several weeks I have been intending to congratulate you on the important paper entitled 'Life Zone Indicators in California' which you published jointly with H. M. Hall. It certainly is an exceedingly valuable contribution, and will prove helpful to all students of distribution on this coast. As in all cases of this kind some differences of judgment are bound to arise, owing chiefly to the different localities in which different persons have worked. For example, in Marin County Quercus agrifolia is common among the Redwoods of the Transition Zone, and Dipodomys californicus inhabits the cold Transition Summits of the highest grassy ridges which in summer are bathed in cold fog almost every night.

But in running over the paper without reference to my notes, I find surprisingly little to criticize and almost everything to commend.

Very truly yours, *C. Hart Merriam*

Dr. Joseph Grinnell,
Berkeley, Calif.

August 16, 1919.

Dear Miss Clemence:

Enclosed is a returned letter which arrived in the noon mail today.

Have just heard from Archbishop Hanna. He writes a very kind letter, offering to help in every way, but states that the records are in the care of Bishop Cantwell of Los Angeles, who, he says, will give us access to them. I am writing Bishop Cantwell and will let you know the result.

Witzner Stone and wife remained with us until Monday afternoon, since which time I have been profitably engaged with Indians of several tribes. What are you finding to do nowadays of interest?

With regards from us all,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Miss Stella Clemence,
Hotel Bancroft,
Berkeley, Calif.

August 16, 1919.

Mr. W. I. Adams, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Adams:

My assistant who made out the expense account for July 5-31, sent you sometime ago, has just discovered an error of \$30 in the footing, so that the total amount should be \$303.62 instead of \$333.62. I trust that you have already discovered this and made the necessary correction.

Kindly send some more vouchers. We have plenty of oversheets for the carbons.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MF

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August 17, 1919.

Bishop J. J. Cantwell,
108 W. 2nd St.,
Los Angeles, Calif.

My dear Sir:

For more than twenty years I have been collecting rancheria names and other data relating to California Indians, and have been mapping, in as much detail as possible, the distribution of the various tribes. In connection with this work I have compiled published data of various sorts, including historical material and Mission Records.

During the past five years one of my assistants, Miss Clemence, has worked in the Congressional and Bancroft Libraries, consulting rare works and manuscripts--including copies by Pinart, Taylor, and others of a number of the Mission Records. From these we have obtained so many rancheria names that together with those secured from the Indians themselves, we now have fully twelve thousand cards of rancheria names, each accompanied by the authority and reference in full. Many of these are synonyms, owing to differences in spelling the names.

We are now so near the end of the work that I am exceedingly anxious to check our results by the original Mission Records, and with this end in view applied to the Most Reverend Archbishop Hanna for the privilege of examining such original Mission Records as may remain in the possession of the Church in California. In his reply he tells me that the Records are in your charge, and that in writing you I might use his name. I

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am therefore writing to ask if you will permit my assistant Miss Clemence to examine the original Mission Records. She is provided with typewritten copies of the Pinart copies, so that the labor of checking with the originals may be reduced to a minimum.

If you will kindly grant us the privilege of working with the originals, shall I send Miss Clemence to Los Angeles to call on you in person, or will you arrange otherwise? We are extremely anxious to complete this part of the work and will be only too glad to consult your convenience and pleasure in every detail.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

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August 17, 1919.

My dear Doctor Stephens:

Mrs. Merriam and I shall be most happy to accept your kind invitation for next Saturday and Sunday. We will go down Saturday afternoon in time to be with you for dinner. This will give us a chance to talk over matters and an opportunity to look over your plants, which I am sure will be a real joy.

We have been very busy of late, and have had a good deal of company, including Witmer Stone and wife, Curator of the Philadelphia Academy of Natural Sciences. And I have secured a lot of addition vocabulary material from Indiana, and expect to get more during the present week. We have not been on any long trips.

We are anxious to have you all up here for a little visit, and hope we may arrange a date when we see you. I have cut out some more trees, mainly tanbark, to improve the view and to give us a better look into the nearby redwoods.

Zenaida has an engagement here which will prevent her from accepting your kind invitation, which she much regrets.

With love to you all from us all,

As ever yours,

Dr. W. Barclay Stephens,
1250 Bay St.,
Alameda, Calif.

Esther Merriam

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August 20, 1919.

Potomac Electric Power Co.,
14th & C Sts.,
Washington, D. C.

The enclosed bill for \$2 for electric current at my office apartment, 701 Northumberland, has just been forwarded to me from Washington. Half of this, namely, from May 25 to June 24, is correct, for which my check of \$1 is enclosed herewith. The other half, from June 24 to July 24, is incorrect, as my office was closed for the season on June 22, as I wrote you on that date, and no current should be used until my return in the winter.

Respectfully,

C. Hall Hurst

CHM:ME

August 28, 1919.

Dear Sheldon:

For a long time we have been wondering about the Sheldons--whether you are all well and happy, and whether the place with the big name has turned out to be all that might be expected for summer camping.

We stopped at Glacier National Park on the way out, and Zenaide and I saw more than a dozen Mountain Goats at one time. The scenery in Glacier Park is like that of the Canadian Rockies and unlike that of any of our other mountains. It is a truly grand place, and has most attractive and comfortable hotels and chalets put up by the Great Northern Railway people. We were there too early for the high trails, the snow being reported as 25 feet deep over the high passes. In going to Iceberg Lake, where a glacier comes down into the water, we passed over high banks of hard snow.

We also visited Lake McDermott on the west side where the forest is wholly different from that on the east side. And found a series of cabins adjacent to an excellent hotel where people go for the summer--a charming place amid grand scenery.

Grizzly Bears are common in the Park, and I hope to obtain additional skulls.

Since leaving Washington, Grizzly skulls have come in from the Klunne region and from numerous points in British Columbia and Alaska, and two not yet arrived have been shipped from Hudsons Hope.

Lagunitas is as beautiful as ever--more beautiful it seems to us. And our place certainly is improving from year to year. We wish you all could be here. We have some fog at night during the summer, but the days are usually clear and cool, the thermometer rarely rising above 76 during the hottest part of the day, and falling nights to or below 50.

Witmer Stone and wife of the Philadelphia Academy spent a few days with us on their way round from a camping trip in the Chiricahua Mountains of Arizona. Stone agrees with me on the species question, and is equally disturbed by the present rulings and outlook in nomenclature.

I have secured a fine lot of material from little-known tribes of Indians, and am getting more nearly every day.

Elizabeth and Zenaide join in love to you all.

As ever,

Mr. Charles Sheldon,
Kedgemaquooge, Nova Scotia.

August 20, 1919.

Mr. Bill Gird,
Glacier National Park,
Montana.

Dear Sir:

During my brief visit to the Park the latter part of June, I tried hard to connect with you but without success, and was not able to stay until your arrival.

I am still anxious to secure skulls of Grizzly Bears, particularly adult males, from the Park region, and shall be very glad if you can get hold of any during the present season. If you succeed, please ship them as before, charges collect, addressed U.S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., and label each skull with locality where killed and with your own name, so that there may be no question as to who sent the specimens. They will be cared for until my return in the late fall.

Vernon Bailey and my sister Mrs. Bailey wish to be kindly remembered to you.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MF

C. M. Merriam

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August 21, 1919.

Editor, Hollister Advance,
Hollister, Calif.

My dear Sir:

My attention has recently been called to a series of articles by Father Triana published in the Hollister Advance in 1917 and 1918.

I am anxious to secure a complete set of these if possible, and am writing to know if you can furnish the numbers containing these articles, and if so at what price.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

C. Hart Hurian -

August 23, 1919.

Dear Miss Clemence:

Your letter of the 19th and one from Bishop Cantwell of Los Angeles arrived at about the same time. The Bishop states that he will be glad to extend every courtesy to Miss Clemence when you call on him at his office (108 W 2nd St., Los Angeles). And I am therefore enclosing a letter of introduction.

Now that the long-hoped-for privilege has been granted, I assume that you will want to set out as early as practicable and stick to the job until it is finished.

Have you enough cash on hand to carry you until your salary check arrives? If not, please let me know and I will advance whatever you are likely to need in the meantime.

You will of course keep track of your traveling expenses, and I think we had better adopt the usual Government procedure, namely, to pay board officially when you are in a place less than a week, you to meet your own expenses when in a place more than a week. You will of course take receipts for all expenditures in your own name, and I will enter them separately under a special heading for this work.

Many thanks for the newspaper clippings of articles about the Missions by Father Triana. I have already written the Hollister Advance in the hope of securing a complete set of these articles. It is good that you have been able to check the printed De la Cuesta by the original.

S.C.--2.

I have been kept busy almost continuously in getting new vocabulary material and checking old with Indians of a number of different tribes. Yesterday I had my second and last session with a Sosone girl from northeastern Nevada--a rare find for this part of the world. She is employed in a private family here, but is going away on Monday.

Herewith I am enclosing \$2.60 in reimbursement of the amount expended by you for paper, as per the bill you enclosed.

We all are delighted to know that you have begun to climb, and trust that you may turn 150 before leaving California.

With best wishes and kind regards to Dr. Priestley and Mr. Coy,

Very truly yours,

CHM:ME

Miss Stella Clemence,
Hotel Bancroft,
Berkeley, Calif.

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August 23, 1919.

Right Reverend Bishop Cantwell,
109 W 2nd St.,
Los Angeles, Calif.

My dear Sir:

In accordance with your kind permission, I take the liberty to introduce herewith my assistant Miss Stella Clemence, and shall be exceedingly obliged if you will kindly allow her to check up and augment our work on the Indians of California by the Records of the old Missions in your charge.

Thanking you for this privilege, which I greatly appreciate,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

August 25, 1919.

Prof. L. J. Richardson,
University of California,
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Doctor Richardson:

Very many thanks for your letter of the 21st inst. inviting me to deliver three of the LeConte Memorial Lectures in Yosemite next June or July on the subject of Anthropology.

Before accepting or declining, I should like to know a little more about the conditions, particularly with respect to the kind of lectures desired--whether purely popular or moderately technical; and whether or not manuscript is expected for publication. I should like to know also whether or not provision is made for the use of lantern slides.

Thanking you and the Board of which you are Director,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

August 25, 1919.

Dear Doctor Hensell:

This is merely a reminder that we are expecting you and Mrs. Hensell for supper Tuesday evening, and that I will meet you at Lagunitas station at the train which leaves Sausalito Ferry S.F. at 5:45. On Wednesday we want to keep you as long as you can conveniently stay, but will agree to take you to San Anselmo or San Rafael in time to reach the City at any hour which you deem necessary.

You were very kind to give me so much time in San Francisco the other day, and I was greatly interested in what you told me about your Hettlesnakes and about your recent Deer hunt in the north.

With best wishes to you both, in which Mrs. Merriam and Zenobia join,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dr. Sterling Hensell,
2743 Baker St.,
San Francisco, Calif.

August 25, 1919.

Sardis Summerfield, Esq.,

Reno, Nevada.

My dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 11 forwarded from Washington, would say that I have written Mr. Sloane, Secretary of the U.S. Geographic Board, to send you a copy of the last Report of the Board.

But I do not know what reports you have reference to in asking for those of Mr. Hildreth, Topographer, and Col. Marshall, Chief Geographer of the Geological Survey, as the Geographic Board is a wholly different organization. The better way would be to address a letter directly to Col. R. B. Marshall, U.S. Geological Survey.

Very truly yours,

C. S. Sloane
Chairman, U.S. Geographic Board

CHM:MG

August 26, 1919.

Dear Mr. Sloane:

Sardis Summerfield, an attorney at Reno, Nevada, has written me asking for the last Report of the Geographic Board. I have replied that his request has been referred to you. If you will kindly send him the full Report and the last Annual Report if you have copies to spare, I shall be greatly obliged.

We are having a fine summer at Lagunitas, and I wish you could drop in on us and enjoy the forest and climate. During warm afternoons the thermometer sometimes gets up to or a little above 80°, but the usual maximum is in the neighborhood of 70°. The night temperature is very uniform, rarely varying more than a couple of degrees from 50°.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. S. Sloane
Mr. C. S. Sloane, Secretary
U.S. Geographic Board
Washington, D. C.

August 25, 1919.

Register, U.S. Land Office,
Redding, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Have you any record of an allotment on Trinity River below Junction in the name of Ellen Clifford? Some years ago she was told by an agent of the Indian Office named Rudolph that she had been given an allotment on the south side of Trinity River about 5 miles below Junction and just above Chapman Ranch. It may be possible that the allotment stands in the name of Meckel, as she lived for some years with the Meckel family.

She is now an old woman about 70, and I have promised to help her locate her allotment. The Indian Office at Washington referred me to Mr. Mortsolf, Superintendent of Hoopa Valley School, but he finds no record under her name in his office.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

August 25, 1919.

Mr. Chas. S. King,
351 Fourth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of August 11 has been forwarded from Washington. I am glad to know that you are thinking of another hunt in Alaska next spring, but fear it is beyond me to tell you just where to go with the certainty of getting some of the Big Alaska Bears. There are still a great many Big Bears on Alaska Peninsula, and I believe that persons who go to Port Moller usually succeed in killing one or more. L. L. Bales of Seattle used to have a hunting camp there to which he took parties every year. He is now an old man, and I am not sure whether or not he still continues in the business.

A. Hasselborg of Admiralty Island, whose postoffice address is Juneau, kills many Big Bears, and has taken many parties on hunting trips. But he has the reputation of being personally disagreeable, so that persons who have been with him do not care for him. Mr. George Shiras could tell you more about him.

Big Bears still appear to be plentiful in the Stikine River region. Capt. A. B. Conover, whose postoffice address is Telegraph Creek, B.C., is a good Bear hunter and has the reputation of being a competent and agreeable guide and companion. It might pay you to write him.

Regretting that I cannot be of more direct assistance,

Very truly yours,

August 26, 1919.

Mr. A. M. Robertson,
Union Square,
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Mr. Robertson:

You have never sent me a bill for the two books which you kindly got for me sometime ago--an address by Dabney and 'Rocky Mountain Flowers' by Clements.

Two or three years ago the Reverend Father Triana published in the Hollister Advance a series of articles entitled 'History of the Old Mission of San Juan.' I have tried to get a set of these from the Editor of the Advance, but he writes me that this is no longer possible. He believes however that the articles have been republished in book form. If this is so, I shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly get the book for me.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

C. H. M. Robertson

August 27, 1919.

Dear Doctor Stephens:

Wilbur Thayer, head of the Thayer Garage, says he will be very glad to go over your car next Wednesday or Thursday if either of these dates will be convenient to you, and if you will let him know either directly or through me in advance, so that he may enter the time as a definite appointment.

Can you not bring Mrs. Stephens and Stewart and spend the day and night with us? If Bruce and Elizabeth are not in school, you will of course bring them also; but if they have to go to school at this time, we should like to have them for the week end either next week or some other week at your convenience.

Unfortunately, I have no Richmond-San Rafael Ferry time-table, but if you will kindly let me know the hour you expect to reach San Rafael, I will meet you at the Thayer Garage and bring you all home.

You gave us all a most delightful outing--one of many which we shall always remember with pleasure. Personally, I was particularly glad to see the chaparral and obtain specimens of the Manzanitas on Las Trampas Ridge.

We are expecting to be in the City Monday to see the incoming Fleet, and Elizabeth may stay over for Tuesday also. Hence, if you make the Thayer appointment for Thursday it will be all right for us, and we shall be most happy to have you here again.

With love from us all,
As ever yours, _____

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August 28, 1919.

My dear Miss Clemence:

Yours of the 26th received. Glad to know that you are on deck for Los Angeles, and that you have enough cash to carry you until your August check arrives. By the way, do not forget to give me your address as soon as you are located, so that there may be no possible question as to where your check should be sent to. As today's papers indicate the railroad situation is clearing, I suppose you will be on the way soon.

When you have finished with the Southern Records and are ready for San Juan, I think you had better come up here, and if it fits in right with other work, we will make the trip there by auto.

We are sending some letterheads herewith, and an envelope for the Bishop's letter.

All right about the typewriter.

Shall await with greatest interest the result of your interview with the Bishop, and am anxious to know whether the Records have been removed to Los Angeles or whether they are still at Santa Barbara and some of the other Missions.

Saturday and Sunday we were with the Stephens, who took us on an auto trip to Las Trampas Peak overlooking San Ramon Valley. The Doctor and I climbed the Peak and collected some interesting Manzanitas and other chaparral.

Very truly yours,

Miss Stella Clemence,
Hotel Bancroft,
Berkeley, Calif.

September 3, 1919.

Prof. Wm. E. Ritter,
Hotel Carlton,
Berkeley, Calif.

My dear Ritter:

We all have been to the City to see the incoming Fleet with attendant dissipation, and are now back at the old stand.

We are delighted to hear from you and to know that you can come out to Lagunitas to see us. Mrs. Merriman has tried twice to get you by phone at Hotel Carlton, but you were both out. I expect to try again this afternoon, but may be equally unfortunate.

We should be mighty glad if you and Mrs. Ritter will come Friday morning of this week. Take the 9:45 boat from Sausalito Ferry San Francisco, getting a return trip ticket to San Rafael, where I will meet you at the railway station at or about 11 o'clock. This will give us time to drive home for lunch. No reply is necessary, as we will assume that you are coming as indicated.

It is a long time since we have seen either of you, and we are looking forward to the renewal of our old-time acquaintance. Furthermore, we want to see how old you are looking nowadays.

As ever yours,

C. H. Merriman

September 3, 1919.

Dear Doctor Stephens:

On returning from San Francisco I find yours of the 1st inst. at the postoffice. All right for Tuesday the 9th. I will meet you and Mrs. Stephens at San Rafael Tuesday at any hour that suits your convenience. If you come by the Richmond Ferry--as I suppose you will--I think there is a boat at 11:30, in which case I could meet you at San Rafael about 12:30, arriving here in time for lunch. My time-table is old, as I have failed to get one recently, there being no one in the San Rafael Ferry Office when I called. But there must be a boat about this time, and if you will let me know, I will be on hand to meet you at the Thayer Garage.

Could not Elizabeth and Bruce come Saturday to have Sunday with us?

As ever yours,

C. H. Merriman

Dr. W. Barclay Stephens,
1250 Bay Street,
Alameda, Calif.

Glacier Park negatives enclosed -

September 3, 1919.

Science Press,
Garrison, N. Y.

Referring to your letter of August 23 in which you state that you have been informed by the Postmaster that the copy of 'Science' sent to me at my Washington address--1919 Sixteenth Street--can no longer be delivered, would call your attention to my letter to you dated June 5, 1919, in which I requested you to change the address of 'Science' from Washington, D. C., to Lagunitas, Marin County, Calif., until the end of the current year, after which it should be sent to 1919 Sixteenth Street, Washington, D. C., as heretofore.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Harrison

CHM:MG

September 3, 1919.

Postmaster,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

A letter from the publisher of 'Science' tells me that he has been informed by the Postmaster that a copy of 'Science' addressed to me at 1919 Sixteenth Street, Washington, D. C., can no longer be delivered at the above address, and asks what is to be done with it.

If you will refer to my letter of June 22, a copy of which is enclosed herewith for your information, you will see that definite instructions for the handling of all my mail matter was sent to you on that date. I might add that the mail carrier Mr. Thomas has carefully attended to my mail as directed, and I assume that the error in question occurred during his temporary absence.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Harrison

CHM:MG

September 5, 1919.

Mr. W. I. Adams,
Accountant, Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Adams:

Herewith I am handing you my expense account
for August, amounting to \$174.11, and vouchers as per accom-
panying list, which I shall be obliged if you will kindly
pay as usual from the Harriman fund.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Accompanying Vouchers:

For Bear Skulls:	
Canadian Bank of Commerce	\$66.00
H. Moses	65.50
J. D. Cochran	18.00
Mackay & Dippie	25.00
Fred E. Knevoldsen	36.00
Oscar T. Landry	20.00
Herbert Lee	28.00
Tom E. Bee	32.00
A. B. Conover	58.00

P.S. Please send me some return penalty envelopes, as I
am practically out of them.

C. Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, Marin County, Calif.

Expense account for August

Subvoucher

August		
1	Paid Indian (Frank Elario, Newooah) for vocabulary work	1 50
1	Lunch en route	75
4	Paid Indian (Frank Elario, Newooah) for vocabulary work	1 50
4	Lunch en route	75
5	Paid Indian (Isaac Morongo, Maringam) for vocabulary work	1 50
8	Associated Students' Store, 1 lb paper	1 60
12	Paid Indian (Isaac Morongo) for vocabulary work	1 50
12	Lunch en route	75
13	Paid Indian (Alec Cascara, Pechanga) for vocabulary work	1 00
14	Paid Indian (Frank Carillo, Kinamara) for vocabulary work	1 50
14	Stamps & stamped envelopes	2 11
15	Paid Indian (Frank Carillo) for vocabulary work	1 50
18	Typewriter ribbon \$1; erasers 15¢; blank pad 25¢	1 40
18	Round trip San Rafael-San Francisco	54
18	Meals en route 1.20; car fares 30¢	1 50
19	Paid Indian (Frank Carillo) for vocabulary work	1 50
19	Paid Indian (Mamie Johnnie, Shoshone) for vocabulary work	1 00
19	Sadler's, 1 ream blue paper	2 00

18-20	Marsh & Co., photo films, developing & printing	3	1 60
20	Paid Indian (Bernard Frost, Tahama) for vocabulary work		1 00
20-21	Round trip San Rafael-San Francisco		54
	Meals (20) 1.50; meals (21) 1.75; car fares 30¢		3 55
	Hotel St. Nicholas, room	4	2 10
22	Paid Indian (J. Hunter, Mowuk) for vocabulary work		1 50
22	Paid Indian (Mamie Johnnie) for vocabulary work		1 00
23-24	Trip to Las Trampas Peak:		
	RR fare San Rafael-Alameda & return		65
	Meals & car fares		2 20
	(For other meals & auto trip from Alameda to Las Trampas & return to Alameda, guest of Dr. W. B. Stephens)		
26	Paid Indian (J. Hunter) for vocabulary work		1 50
27	A.M. Robertson, Clements 'Rocky Mountain Flowers'	5	3 75
29	Paid Indian (Jeff Lewis, Chokimina) for vocabulary work		1 50
	Thayer garage, auto expenses for August (including 2 new tires 69.96, retreading tire 24.00, gasoline 15.18) \$132.22, less personal 58 miles @ 5¢ (gas, oil, wear & tear) \$2.90 =	6	129 32
	Electric current office Northumberland Apt., from May 25-June 24		1 00
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One Hundred Seventy-four-----

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C. Hart Harrison
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Canadian Bank of Commerce

Whitehorse, Yukon.

1919 August 8	4 skulls of Grizzlies from Kluane Lake region:		
	2 ad. males	18.00	36 00
	1 ad. male		20 00
	1 yg.-ad. male		10 00
			66 00

-----Sixty-six-----

---no---

66.00

C. Hart Harrison
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H. MOSES

Juneau, Alaska.

1919
August

6 Grizzly Skulls from southeastern Alaska:

2 ad. males from Chichagof Island

Ad. male (injured)

Ad. male from Alsek River

Ad. female from Bartlett Bay

1 skull from Admiralty Island

5 Black Bear skulls

15.00	30 00
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8 00

20 00

10 00

10 00

1.50 7 50

85 50

---Eighty-five---

---Fifty---

85.50

2. Heart Murmurs -

J. D. Cochran

Barkerville, B.C.

1919

August Skull of yg.-ad. male Grizzly

18 00

18 00

-----Eighteen-----

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18.00

C. H. [illegible]

Fred E. Enevoldsen,

Dawson, Yukon. Box 244.

1919
Aug. 8

2 skulls of Grizzlies from Yukon Territory:

Old male

20 00

Old male (injured)

15 00

35 00

-----Thirty-five-----

-----no-----

35.00

C. Hart Merriam

Oscar T. Landry

Bella Coola, B.C.

1919

August

1 skull of ad. male Grizzly from Bella Coola, B.C.

20 00

20 00

-----Twenty-----

-----no-----

20.00

C. Hart Merriam

Herbert Lee

Tenakee, Alaska.

1919
August

2 skulls of Grizzlies from Chickagof Island:

Old male

20 00

Young male

8 00

28 00

---Twenty-eight-----

---no---

28.00

C. Hart

Capt. A. B. Conover

Telegraph Creek, B. C.

1919
August3 Grizzly skulls from Lower Iskut-Stikine
Region, B.C.:

Large ad. male

25 00

Yg.-ad. male

18 00

Im. male

15 00

58 00

-----Fifty-eight-----

-----no-----

58.00

C. Hart

September 6, 1919.

Mr. W. I. Adams, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Adams:

A letter from H. Moses of Juneau, Alaska, requests that the check in payment for his Bear skulls be sent to him addressed: H. Moses, 77 Marion St., Seattle, Wash., Care of Oscar Gard. His voucher was among those sent you yesterday.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MF

September 6, 1919.

Dear Preble:

Thanks for your letter of August 28 about the Bear skulls received since those described in your previous letter, dated August 5.

I have made out vouchers for all of these skulls, and have tried to enter them on my cards, but am perplexed by the absence of data for some of them. In some cases you mention the locality where the Bear was killed, in others not.

The Grizzly skin you mention as received July 9 from Envoldsen was regarded by him as very peculiar, and valued at \$25. He got it from an Indian without the skull. I have written him that it will be held until my return when I will let him know what we will do about it.

I earnestly hope that the three Grizzly skulls from the Hudsons Hope region shipped by Harry Garbitt have not gone astray, as they are likely to prove of unusual interest.

I trust that Scollick has been able to catch up with the cleaning of the Grizzly skulls, so that there may be no delay later on.

You will remember that during my absence last year the Biological Survey received the skull of a small Bear from Capt. A. B. Conover of Telegraph Creek, identified by him as a Grizzly. You wrote him that the skull was that of a Black Bear and inquired about purchasing the skin. He did not reply directly to your letter, but has written me several times about this Bear, and A. H. Bannon, who has seen it, has also written

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me at least twice concerning it. As a result of all this, Capt. Conover has presented the skin and skull (the skull never having been paid for).

Now, I have never seen this skull. I tried to get at it last summer but Sheldon was not able to find it. As both Conover and Bannon insist that the Bear is a distinct species of Grizzly with true Grizzly claws and wholly different from all the Black and Brown-Black Bears, it becomes us to reexamine the specimen with considerable care. Capt. Conover says it is a small Grizzly which keeps high up on the mountains and is well known to the Indians.

I shall be obliged therefore if you will dig up this skull and have it kept where I can see it as soon as I return to Washington. The skin will probably have reached you by this time, as it was shipped by him by mail on August 19.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. E. A. Preble,
U.S. Biological Survey,
Washington, D. C.

September 6, 1919.

Mr. Tom E. Bee,
Carmacks, Yukon.

Dear Sir:

Your letters of June 2 and June 21 were forwarded to me from Washington, and the two lots of Bear skulls (three skulls in all, two Grizzlies and one Black) mentioned therein have been received, for which a check of \$32 will be sent you shortly from the Smithsonian Institution.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

C. Hart Merriam

September 6, 1919.

Canadian Bank of Commerce,
Whitehorse, Yukon.

Dear Sirs:

In accordance with instructions from Jacquot Brothers of Kluane, payment for three Grizzly skulls (\$66) will be sent you shortly from the Smithsonian Institution. Kindly credit the same to Jacquot Brothers and oblige.

Respectfully,

CHM:MG

C. Hart Merriam

September 6, 1919.

Mr. J. D. Cochran,
Barkerville, B. C.

Dear Sir:

The Grizzly skull mentioned in your letter of July reached the Biological Survey in good condition, for which I am obliged. It is a young male with the crest yet unformed, and a check of \$18 in payment will be sent you shortly from my account in the Smithsonian Institution.

Many thanks for the little photographs. They are most interesting. You surely are having great success with Caribou.

Your note about the peculiar bugle-like ^{of the grizzly} call is entirely new to me.

So far as I am aware, the Smithsonian does not purchase motion pictures, but it is possible that E. W. Nelson, Chief of the Biological Survey, might be interested in them. You might write him.

In view of your remarks concerning the Grizzly whose skull you sent in July, I shall examine the skull carefully on my return to Washington.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

C. Hart Merriam

September 6, 1919.

Capt. A. B. Conover,
Telegraph Creek, B. C.

My dear Sir:

The three Grizzly skulls shipped by you on June 19 reached Washington duly, and a check of \$58 in payment will be sent you from my account in the Smithsonian in a few days. I shall be very glad to see these skulls on my return to Washington and also, as previously stated, the skull and skin of the peculiar small Bear to which you have several times referred, and which you have been generous enough to present to our National Collection.

Yes, I shall be glad to purchase the large Grizzly from the Iskoot notwithstanding the poor condition of the teeth. Skulls with broken or lost teeth are less valuable than those with perfect teeth, but I am always glad to get them and pay fair prices, but not so high as in the case of perfect ones.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

C. Hart Merriam

September 6, 1919.

Mr. Fred E. Envoldsen,
Dawson, Yukon. Box 244.

Dear Sir:

The two Grizzly skulls and one Grizzly skin mentioned in your letters of June 5 have been received at Washington, and will be examined on my return. I have credited your account \$20 for the good skull and \$15 for the badly injured one, making \$35 in all, a check for which will be sent you in a few days from the Smithsonian Institution.

Skins without skulls are of little or no scientific value, for without the skull it is impossible for us to determine the species. However, on my return to Washington I will look at the skin and see what we can do about it. You did not state where this Bear was killed. I should be glad to know.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

C. Hart Merriam

September 6, 1919.

Jacquot Brothers,
Kluane, Yukon.

Dear Sirs:

Replying to your letter of July 8, would state that the four Grizzly skulls mentioned reached the Biological Survey on August 8. For them I have allowed you \$66, a check for which will be sent shortly, in accordance with your instructions, to the Canadian Bank of Commerce at Whitehorse, to be credited to your account.

I am very glad to learn that three of these skulls are males, and shall be glad to see them on my return to Washington.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

C. Hart Merriam

Legumitas

September 6, 1919.

Mr. Oscar T. Landry,
Bella Coola, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of July 18 was forwarded to me from Washington, and the Grizzly skull to which you refer has reached the Biological Survey. The skull is somewhat damaged by the bullet, as you of course know, nevertheless I am glad to have it, and a check of \$20 in payment will be sent you shortly from the Smithsonian Institution.

Very truly yours,

CHM:ME

C. Hart Merriam -

September 6, 1919.

Mr. Herbert Lee,
Tenakee, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The two Bear skulls mentioned in your letter of June 6 have arrived at the Biological Survey. One of these is a large adult male, the other a very young skull. I have credited your account for the large skull \$20 and for the young one \$8, \$28 in all, a check for which will be sent you from the Smithsonian Institution in a few days.

Being in California as usual for the summer and fall, I cannot of course identify the skulls until my return. I am glad to have your description of the skin and claws.

Very truly yours,

CHM:ME

C. Hart Merriam -

September 6, 1919.

Mackay & Dippie,
Banff, Alberta.

Dear Sirs:

The large Grizzly skull from Golden, B. C., mentioned in your letter of July 24 has arrived in Washington, for which I am obliged. A check of \$25 in payment will be sent you from the Smithsonian Institution before long.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

C. Hart Merriam

September 6, 1919.

Mr. H. Moses,
77 Marion St.,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

The six Grizzly and five Black Bear skulls mentioned in your letter of the 3rd inst. have been received at Washington, and a check of \$85.50 in payment for same will be sent you from the Smithsonian shortly.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

C. Hart Merriam

September 6, 1919.

Mr. George Peterson,
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The Biological Survey has notified me of the receipt of four Bear skulls, but no letter from you has been received either at the Biological Survey or at my office. I am informed that two of the skulls are labeled; the other two are without labels, and we have no information as to where the Bears were killed. If you will kindly write me as to the locality of these (one a male, the other a female cub), I shall be glad to settle the account.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:NE

September 8, 1919.

Dear Miss Clemence:

Yours of the 4th inst. from Los Angeles is at hand. I am delighted to know that you are at last at work on the real stuff. This seems to be the chance of our lives, and you will of course make a clean sweep of everything in sight. It is great that you have San Fernando and San Luis Obispo Records, with more underneath. It is like digging at Rancho La Brea--you know there are good things below but do not know what they are until you strike them. And the outlook for Santa Barbara is still better.

By this mail I am forwarding your salary check and another letter.

In accordance with your instructions I am not enclosing check for the \$4 spent for typewriter hire, but will wait until the end of the month when you will of course send me a complete statement of all expenditures for September.

Be sure to keep us posted when you change your address.

With best wishes from us all,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Miss Stella Clemence,
Hotel Clark,
Los Angeles, Calif.

P.S. We have been having a splendid rain yesterday afternoon and all last evening.

September 8, 1919.

Miss Ellen Clifford,
Junction, Trinity County,
California.

My dear Miss Clifford:

Last fall you spoke to me about your allotment on Trinity River which you were anxious to sell if possible. After my return to Washington I went to the Indian Office to inquire about it, but they had no record of any allotment in your name. Since my return to California I have written to the Indian Agencies and Registers of the Land Office at Hoopa, Redding, and Sacramento, and they have searched their records and maps but have not found anything in your name.

Could it have been entered in any other name than that of 'Ellen Califford'? And do you know where it lies in relation to the allotment of Ben How and his wife Fannie How?

I am anxious to help you in the matter, but am stalled by the absence of any record in your name. If you could get hold of the papers of the case, there would be no more difficulty.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

C. Hart Merriam

September 8, 1919.

Dear Arch:

Very many thanks for the trouble you took in attending to the kingpin. It has arrived safely, and I am herewith returning the amount you kindly advanced for it (\$5.78).

We all certainly had a good time at the Gilbert Ranch, and I for one was greatly impressed by the most remarkable outlooks, both up and down. You certainly have discovered one of the most sightly places it has ever been my fortune to visit, and the little house strikes me as most convenient and comfortable as well as good-looking.

The Ritters and Riebers drove over from Berkeley Saturday.

We here at Lagunitas have had a most successful rain for the first one of the season, and everything is fresh and beautiful this morning. I rather suspect it was generous enough to overlap into your country.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephens are coming here tomorrow to stay overnight, returning Wednesday. After they have gone, we expect to pull out for the north as soon as possible. Otherwise, we would ask you to come up.

As ever,

Mr. Arch M. Gilbert,
411 Mills Building,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Arch:

The auto trip north to which I alluded on the first sheet is intended to cover the Black Point Cutoff to Napa, thence through the hills to Monticello, and down Putah Creek to Winters via the fig orchard, of which you have fond recollections (I will not say anything about Winters); thence north on the west side of Sacramento Valley to Stony Ford, Elk Creek, and Paskenta, with possible lateral diversions if Susie proves in good spirits and kindly disposed.

I expect to stop a day or two at each of several places for work with Indians, and the entire trip may take ten days more or less, according to circumstances.

The entire Merriam family unites in unanimous feeling that it would be a fine thing if Arch G. were a member of the party, and the Boss says that in case the aforesaid Arch G. agrees to this proposition, only three things are necessary to bring, namely, sleeping-bag, tooth-brush, and a jar of Mill Valley orange marmalade.

In case of war, necessitating a more hasty return on your part, the railroad is not far away.

If you are foot-free for the trip, you had better report here Thursday morning.

As ever,

September 8, 1919.

Mr. Frank T. Griswold,
333 Chestnut Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Sir:

Many thanks for your letter of the 1st inst. offering to loan me your two female Grizzly Bear skulls until October 1. Unfortunately for this purpose, I do not expect to return to Washington until sometime in December, and therefore am not able to avail myself of your offer.

Very truly yours,

CHM:ME

C. Hart Merriam

Ad

September 8, 1919.

Mrs. Ada B. Morrison,
Biological Survey,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Morrison:

Will you kindly send me some small size penalty
envelopes? I have plenty of the large size, also the return
envelopes.

Thanking you in advance,

Very truly yours,

C. HART MERRIAM

Per *m g.*

September 11, 1919.

Prof. L. J. Richardson, Director
Extension Division,
University of California,
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Professor Richardson:

Thanks for your letter of August 28 telling me a little more about what is expected in the LeConte Lectures.

If the matter of publication may be left in abeyance, with the understanding that I shall be free to publish independently if I so desire, I will accept your invitation to deliver three lectures on the anthropology of the Yosemite region--using the term 'Yosemite' in a rather broad sense.

Very truly yours,

Edith M. Mearns

CHM:ME

September 11, 1919.

Dear J. C.:

It is good to see your signature again and to know that you are once more in the Bay Region.

The matter of the LeConte Lectures has given me considerable uneasiness, but I have today decided to accept the invitation to give them, and am writing Prof. Richardson to this effect.

The theme you have definitely allotted me is the anthropology of the region, and yet both you and Grinnell have written me about presenting a statement of the zone control, which implies enough of a diversion to at least allude to the distribution of certain characteristic animals and plants. However, life is too short to waste time in back and forth correspondence, so I will talk the matter over when I see you, which I hope will not be long in the future. But the one point which I want to have distinctly understood from the beginning is that I shall consider myself free to publish as I may deem desirable, irrespective of whether or not I furnish manuscript for publication by the Department of Interior with the other lectures. With the understanding that I am free in this respect, I accept, otherwise I decline.

Thus far, neither Mrs. M. nor I have been able to visit Berkeley or Oakland, as I have been extremely busy and have accomplished a lot of important vocabulary work among 7 or 8 tribes. Tomorrow morning we pull out on an auto trip to the north, to be gone ten days or two weeks, after which we hope to see you and Mrs. J. C. out here.

With best wishes to you all,
As ever yours,

September 11, 1919.

Dear Doctor Grinnell:

Your letter of August 30 about the LeConte Lectures puzzles me. I have been asked to give three lectures on the anthropology of the region, but both you and Dr. J.C.M. intimate that I am expected to talk on geographic distribution. This is a little confusing. But it takes so much time to write letters back and forth that I think we had better let the matter drop until I have a chance to talk it over with you. I have only today decided to accept the invitation to give the lectures, and since the theme allotted me is an anthropological one, I think I had better merely mention the distributional side very briefly, leaving the biological side to you.

Very truly yours,

Dr. J. Grinnell,
Museum of Vertebrate Zoology,
University of California,
Berkeley, Calif.

September 11, 1919.

Mr. W. I. Adams, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Adams:

Herewith I am returning the September bill for the Northumberland rent, approved, and the lease, signed, which you sent me on August 26. I hesitated before signing this lease for two reasons; first, that it commits me to another full year at the Northumberland; second, that it makes no reciprocal provision for service, and during the past year the elevator and janitor service have been abominable.

For the past five or six years I have declined to sign a lease. Blanks have been sent me for signature but I have ignored them.

Am starting tomorrow morning on an auto trip to the north to visit several Indian tribes, and expect to return within two weeks.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

September 11, 1919.

Prof. H. M. Hall,
Alpine Laboratory,
Manitou, Colorado.

My dear Professor Hall:

Thanks for your letter of August 22 and for a copy of your admirable paper on 'Life Zone Indicators.' Grinnell had sent me a copy, but I am glad to have another. I had intended to write you about it, but have been extremely busy and away a good deal of the time.

I am delighted with the publication, and had thought of reviewing it for 'Science' but find that my somewhat numerous zone lists are in Washington, so that I have nothing but memory to check up by. However, in looking it over I find surprisingly few cases that seem to me not quite right.

In your bibliography at the end I notice that you mention only two of my papers on distribution. You and Grinnell had probably forgotten my 'Biological Reconnaissance of the San Francisco Mountain Region' (Fauna 3), and certain parts on plants, birds, and reptiles in the Death Valley Expedition (Fauna 7), and also my special paper on the Chipmunks (*Eutamias*) of the Pacific Slope.

There are several cases where a species is or appears to be restricted to a rather narrow belt at the upper or lower limit of a zone or between two zones, which you refer definitely to one or the other of the big zones. *Yucca brevifolia* is an example of what I mean, occurring as it does along the overlapping border of the Upper and Lower Sonoran, you referred

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it definitely to the Lower Sonoran. But there is no use in mentioning these, as you understand them as well as I do.

You limit *Quercus agrifolia* to the Upper Sonoran. In this region it seems equally characteristic of the Transition, as it is our most abundant oak in the redwoods. The same is true of *Aesculus californica* and *Ceanothus divaricatus* (though I do not mean that *divaricatus* is common just here).

You give *Q. dumosa* as characteristic of the Upper Sonoran. Why did you ignore its companion *Q. bullata* which is equally characteristic of the same zone, and in many places occurs plentifully alongside of *dumosa*?

We have not seen Mrs. Hall or the Grinnells or the J. C. Merriams, for the reason that so far we have been so busy that none of us have been to either Berkeley or Oakland, but we hope for better luck later on.

Thus far, I have obtained one new dialect and have checked and augmented vocabularies of seven tribes since our arrival, and in the morning we start northward on an auto trip in the hope of checking several more vocabularies and obtaining needed boundary material.

With best wishes, and hoping to see you in the not distant future,

As ever yours,

CHM:MG

September 11, 1919.

Dear Arch:

There was weeping and gnashing of teeth at Lagunitas when your letter arrived yesterday morning, for we all are genuinely sorrowful that you are not to be one of us on the forthcoming trip on which we hope to set out tomorrow morning.

But I appreciate that business comes first, and it seems up to you to wait until you have accomplished the sale of your Boise property.

From what you say about your prospective trip by auto to Idaho, I infer that you are planning to be absent from the Bay Region for a considerable period. Is this correct?

If you have time before you go, I wish you would get your Jap carpenter to make one of those portable book-shelves for me like the one in your living room. I should like an extra shelf about 8 or 9 inches below the present bottom one, and would suggest moving up the bottom one 1½ or 2 inches. I should prefer Redwood to Douglas Spruce if it is all the same to the carpenter, as Redwood would match our house better.

We plan to be gone in the neighborhood of ten days.

Regretting that you will not be with us,

As ever yours,

Mr. Arch M. Gilbert,
411 Mills Building,
San Francisco, Calif.

September 11, 1919.

Miss Vera F. Kimball,
Anchorage, Alaska.

Dear Miss Kimball:

Replying to your letter of August 20 forwarded from Washington, I regret to say that there is no handbook on the birds of Alaska. The only book containing illustrations and descriptions of western birds is entitled 'Handbook of Birds of the Western United States' by Florence M. Bailey. I am not sure of the price, but think it is about \$3. It is published by Houghton Mifflin Company of Boston, and can be obtained through any bookseller.

In studying birds you will find a field glass most helpful, but for positive identification it is necessary in many cases to have a specimen of the bird in your hands.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MS

September 11, 1919.

Dear Nelson:

Your letter of August 31 reaches us just as we are setting out on a trip north in the foothill region west of Sacramento Valley, to be gone in the neighborhood of ten days.

Very many thanks for your promise of a box of your justly celebrated grapes. I will write Goldman on our return.

In your previous letter you said that Harry was to leave the Presidio on August 6. Your letter reached us on that date, so it was impossible to connect with him at the Presidio, and you gave no other address, hence we have been unable to connect with him but have been hoping that he would drop us a line telling us where he was, so that we might have him out here.

We have had the first rain of the season, one that lasted an afternoon and night here at Lagunitas but did not amount to much in the dry country to the eastward.

We shall look forward to seeing you on your arrival in the Bay Region about the end of the month.

As ever yours,

Mr. E. W. Nelson,
Biological Survey,
Washington, D. C.

September 11, 1919.

Mr. George R. Goldman,

Orosi, Calif. R.F.D. A.135.

Dear Mr. Goldman:

A letter just received from Nelson tells us that he has written you to send us a box of grapes when I notified you that we will be at home. We are just leaving for an auto trip in the field, to be gone about ten days. On my return I will drop you a line.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

September 11, 1919.

Mr. A. Kienlebeck,
Kaltag, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of July 28 addressed to the Smithsonian Institution has been forwarded to me for reply. Yes, I shall be glad to purchase skulls of Grizzly and Big Brown Bears, particularly old males, but do not care much for Black Bears. The prices I usually pay for fairly perfect skulls of Grizzly and Big Brown Bears are: for cubs and young Bears up to five years old, \$4 to \$8; for fully-adult females, \$8 to \$10; for fully-adult or old males, \$15 to \$20.

Specimens may be sent by insured mail or by express, charges collect. All packages should be addressed: U.S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Each skull should have a tag tied to it, and on the tag should be written your name and postoffice address, and also the name of the locality where the Bear was killed. In case you know the sex and approximate date it was killed, these should be added, but they are much less important than the locality where the Bear was killed.

While I do not care much for Black Bear skulls, I would pay \$1.50 each for reasonably perfect skulls, labeled for locality.

Some tags are sent you herewith in a separate envelope.

Very truly yours,

CHM:ME

September 17, 1919.

Dear Miss Clemence:

I apologize for a dreadful blunder. I thought I had mailed your pay check and another letter the morning we left, but on returning find to my amazement that I had put it in the safe for safe-keeping the night before we started, and forgot to take it out, so am sending it herewith. I fear you have been inconvenienced by the delay.

I am delighted to know that you have found so much of value and that many important records are in prospect. Unfortunately, I do not know anything about the hotels in the places you mention, but if I learn anything, will let you know at once. It is great to know that the San Gabriel material is so full and has so many rancheria names. Don't hurry the work there or elsewhere. Capistrano is a wonderful Mission, but I did not suppose that any records had been left there. San Luis Rey is some miles from Oceanside, and I don't know whether or not you can find a nearby ranch to stop at.

We returned last night from our trip north--several days earlier than expected. The Indians at two of the rancherias were absent picking fruit. We ran about 44 miles out of our way to visit the old rancheria at Stony Ford to check material gathered by me on previous trips, but were disappointed and saddened at the scene of utter desolation we found there--the Chief's house buried to the ground, the surrounding Manzanita chaparral burned over, and no sign of a human being anywhere.

S.C.--2.

At Paskenta we found the inhabited Nomlikka rancheria which I particularly wished to work, and got a splendid lot of material, including a number of tribal names and at least 35 rancheria names and locations--all new to me. After I have written up the results and platted the locations, I must go back there for additional information.

Hastily, and with deepest regret at my blunder in not sending you your check before,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Harrison

Miss Stella Clemence,
Hotel Clark,
Los Angeles, Calif.

*We ran a couple of hundred miles yesterday
Luis trip in admirable spirits for a old
a girl -*

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September 17, 1919.

Mr. George R. Goldman,
Orosi, Calif., R.F.D. A135.

Dear Mr. Goldman:

We have just returned from our trip north, and shall
be very glad to receive the grapes mentioned by Mr. Nelson
whenever it suits your convenience to ship them.

Thanking you in advance,

Very truly yours,

C. H. H. H. H. H.

CHM:MG

September 19, 1919.

Dear Miss Clemence:

Yours of the 18th (just received) evidently crossed mine to you with the missing check, which I hope has connected with you by this time. In case you left Los Angeles before the arrival of my letter and check (both mailed from here on the 17th), this is merely for your peace of mind and to assure you that the fault is wholly mine, and that on my return I found the check in my safe where I had put it overnight for safe-keeping. In forwarding a paper to you in the morning I thought the check was with my letter.

As the check should have reached Hotel Clark, Los Angeles not later than last evening, I will not send any deposit to the National Metropolitan at Washington.

Take plenty of time to finish the records at each place, as it is likely to be a long time before you go there again, and the material is worth all the time it needs.

Am sending this to Las Rosas Hotel, San Juan Capistrano, and a carbon to El Luis Rey, Oceanside, in the hope of reaching you at the earliest possible moment. Shall hope to hear that you found something worth while at both places. But I cannot figure out exactly where you are going to stay in order to work the San Luis Rey Records.

While at Capistrano please find out if there are any Indians left in the vicinity. The Capistrano dialect, you may remember, is somewhat different from straight Luiseno, and is said to be the same as that at Pechanga.

S.C.--2.

When you see Father Triana, please inquire about the republication of his material from the Hollister Advance, which is no longer procurable. If he published in any other form, I should of course be glad to purchase.

Regretting the worry and inconvenience my blunder has caused you,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart

Miss Stella Clemence,
Las Rosas Hotel,
San Juan Capistrano,
California.

Duplicate to:
El Luis Rey,
Oceanside, Calif.

September 19, 1919.

Mr. W. C. Fankhauser, Secretary
Tamalpais Conservation Association,
905 Flood Building,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Fankhauser:

Yours of the 18th telling me that I have not paid my dues for the current year arrived this morning. The only reason I have not paid is that I have not received any bill, as it is my invariable practice to pay all proper bills immediately on their receipt.

I am enclosing herewith my check on Crocker Bank for \$2 in payment of dues for 1919 and 1920.

Owing to the circumstance that I am in Washington approximately half of the year and at Lagunitas the other half, a certain proportion of my paper mail goes astray each year, and some of the notices of meetings of the Tamalpais Conservation Club are mailed to me at Washington and forwarded to Lagunitas, not reaching me until too late.

I expect to remain in California this year until the middle of December, and shall be obliged if you will kindly have publications of the Club mailed to me at Lagunitas.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

October 2, 1919.

Dear Miss Clemence:

Returning from my recent field trip in northern California and southern Oregon, I have your letters of September 24 and 27 and the account you enclosed with the latter. Am now hoping to receive your supplementary account for the remaining days of the month, beginning September 25, or more likely the night of the 24th.

We rejoice that you fell into such kindly hands at San Juan Capistrano. And are pained to know that the High Priest in charge of the San Diego ^{area} was not equally courteous. I earnestly hope that you did not allow this annoyance to hasten your work there, as it is most important to get everything possible now that we have the chance--better spend a day or two more, rather than an hour less, with each set of records. Am anxious to know more about what you found at San Diego.

My recent trip was more fruitful even than the preceding one, which is saying a good deal. I secured the names and locations of 53 rancherias in Klamath canyon and a couple of dozen more in adjacent territory, also checked and added to my previous Shaste vocabulary, so I feel quite elated over the result.

As soon as the September account is in and my notes from the last trip are finished, I am planning to go northward again to obtain additional material along the same lines.

As you gave no new address in either of your letters from San Diego, I am sending this to Hotel Clark, Los Angeles, as per previous instructions, and shall forward your salary check there unless I hear from you to the contrary. A couple of letters are enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

October 2, 1919.

Mr. John P. Holman, Associate Editor
Forest & Stream,
Nine East Fortieth St.,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

On returning from a field trip in northern California and southern Oregon I find your letter dated September 17 awaiting attention.

The so-called 'Governing Board' of Forest & Stream is a gigantic farce. Had it not been for my high regard for George Bird Grinnell, I should have taken legal steps long ago to have my name removed from the list of names falsely published by Forest & Stream as its Governing Board.

About a year and a half ago I wrote Dr. Bruette expressing my views in the matter and asking him to remove my name. This he did not do. On April 18 of the present year I again addressed him on the subject, telling him that I was unwilling to be placed in a false position in the matter, and renewing my request that he at once remove my name. This I regret to see he has not yet done. There are others among those listed in the so-called 'Governing Board' who feel as I do in the matter, and if our names continue to be published as heretofore, we shall take the necessary steps to have an end put to the false light in which we have been so long placed.

Respectfully,

CHM:AL

C. Hart Merriam

October 2, 1919.

Dr. Frank M. Chapman,
American Museum Natural History,
New York City.

Dear Chapman:

On returning from a field trip to the Klamath Lake country and Upper Klamath Canyon I find your letter proposing a Brewster Memorial.

While not an enthusiast of the bestowal of medals, I should not want to be among the missing in the matter of a contribution to a William Brewster Memorial. I therefore enclose my check for \$10 as a small contribution.

We have had a couple of early rains which have done much good, and the California sun is now shining brightly again as if it had never known a cloud.

As soon as my notes for the last trip are written up I shall start on another, and have several others still ahead, so that I fear we shall not return to Washington in time to enable me to accept the enticing invitation you and Mrs. Chapman have extended in connection with the coming A.O.U. meeting.

With regrets that it will not be my good fortune to enjoy your hospitality at that time,

As ever yours,

C. Hart

CHM:ME

October 2, 1919.

Dear Arch:

If that book-shelf has not yet been made, I should like to fix the length at four feet outside measure, as it will then be practicable to bring it home in Susie.

Had a great trip in the Klamath country, and got a fine lot of material. Returned just in time to escape the rain in the field and to enjoy it at home.

We hope you will be with us for the week end, as I believe the Dictator of Lagunitas indicated to you. It is a long time since any of us have seen you, and we deem it proper to be on the lookout for changes.

Another trip northward is impending, but the date is not yet fixed.

As ever

C. Hart

Mr. Arch Gilbert,
411 Mills Building,
San Francisco, Calif.

October 4, 1919.

Dear Preble:

Very many thanks for yours of September 26 with statement concerning the Bear skulls received during the month of September. This has enabled me to attend to the necessary vouchers in time for the September account.

Am glad to know that Scollick is at work again cleaning the big skulls.

Have recently returned from a field trip in the Klamath canyon and Klamath Lake country, and got back just in time to escape an early rain.

The man Borland who sent a couple of Big Bear skulls from Hoonah seems to be a new one. At all events, I find no letter from him and no card.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. E. A. Preble,
U.S. Biological Survey,
Washington, D.C.

October 4, 1919.

Mr. W. A. Borland,
Hoonah, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The Biological Survey informs me that two skulls of adult male Bears shipped by you and labeled as killed at Port Frederick have recently arrived. Unfortunately, many of the teeth are missing, and no letter from you has been received. They have been valued at \$14 each, \$28 in all, a check for which will be sent you in a short time from the Smithsonian Institution.

If you send any skulls in future, please write a letter at the time of each shipment, stating where the Bears were killed, and how and when they were shipped.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

C. Hart Merriam

October 4, 1919.

Mr. Elbert Duryea,
Iliamna, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The three Bear skulls shipped by you on June 26 reached the Biological Survey in Washington on September 15. For them your account has been credited \$20 each for the two old males; \$10 for the female; in all \$50, a check for which will be sent you from the Smithsonian in a short time.

Yes, I expect to purchase additional skulls of Big Bears next year.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

October 4, 1919.

Mr. Fred Envoldsen,
Dawson, Yukon. Box 244.

Dear Sir:

Your letter dated August 23 came in due course, and the skull to which you refer arrived at the Biological Survey in Washington on September 18. It is reported to me as a male Black Bear skull, worth \$3. The amount is so small that I will not settle for it until my return to Washington unless an additional shipment is received from you in the meantime.

Trusting that your operation proved successful, and that you will be able to cross the mountains to the head of the Pelly in December as planned,

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

C. Hart Merriam

October 4, 1919.

Mr. Ernest Kirberger,
Kake, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The four Bear skulls mentioned in your letter dated July 28 reached the Biological Survey September 15. For them I have credited your account as follows: 3 adult males at \$18, \$54; 1 young male \$10; in all \$64, a check for which will be sent you from the Smithsonian shortly.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

October 4, 1919.

Mr. H. Moses,
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 30, would state that the two skulls of Big Bears mentioned therein reached the Biological Survey on September 8.

The one from Stikine River (part of river not stated) is in good condition except for the loss of an upper canine, and I have credited your account for it \$20. The other, the one from Gambia Bay, Admiralty Island, is badly shattered, with most of the brain case gone, and therefore is worth only \$8. A check of \$28 in payment will be sent you from the Smithsonian in a short time.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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October 4, 1919.

Mr. Fred Phillips,
Iliamna, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Your letters of June 2 and July 4 reached the Biological Survey duly, but the Bear skulls referred to did not arrive until September 15. In all, seven skulls were received, for which your account was credited: for the adult male, \$20; for the 3 adult females, \$10 each, \$30; for the 3 cubs, \$5 each, \$15; in all \$65, a check for which will be sent you from the Smithsonian in a short time.

In case you send any more skulls, please write more fully about them, mentioning in your letter where each was killed, and the sex if known, and also whether the Bear is approximately adult or only a cub.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

Robert M. May

October 5, 1919.

Dear Nelson:

Yours of yesterday from Sacramento arrived on the noon mail. You hit us just in time, as we have planned to start Tuesday on another auto trip north, going as far as the Klamath country.

Zenaida is going at once to the store to try to get you by phone, and if not successful, will leave a message for you, to be put in your box at the St. Francis.

We hope you can come out tonight, but if not, hope you can get up in time to catch the 8:15 tomorrow (Monday), arriving here at 9:53.

I returned on the 27th, and was extremely sorry to have missed you, but am delighted to know that we may still see you here at Lagunitas. If you do not come tonight, I will meet the morning train.

In case both phone and letter fail to reach you in time to catch the morning train, come on the evening train (5:45) which will bring you here in time for supper Monday night.

The grapes you were kind enough to arrange for arrived just after my return, and have been enjoyed immensely by the entire family. You certainly have a combination of wonderful soil and climate for grapes, for whether looked at from the standpoint of attractive appearance or luscious flavor they certainly are unsurpassed. Those Black Muscats have a superlatively delicious flavor, but as a steady standby your rose-pink seedless beat anything I ever tasted. Then for a hot day it is hard to think of anything

more refreshing than those big marbles--we do not know their name.

It is practically impossible to reach us by phone, owing to the distance from the store; but a telegram addressed to Lagunitas via San Rafael is usually delivered rather promptly by the storekeeper.

Hoping to see you not later than tomorrow,

As ever yours,

E. W. Nelson

Mr. E. W. Nelson,
Hotel St. Francis,
San Francisco, Calif.

October 6, 1919.

Mr. Allen P. Tubbs,
South Prairie, Washington.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of September 17 reached me on my return from a recent field trip. In compliance with your request I am sending you herewith about a dozen copies of my paper on the name of Mount Rainier, and am returning your \$1 herewith as the publication is a Government one and there is no charge.

Unfortunately, I cannot send you more copies now, but if you will write me about Christmas time at Washington, D.C., I can send you all you need. Or if you are in a hurry, write to C. S. Sloane, Secretary, U.S. Geographic Board, Bureau of Census, Washington, D.C.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Chairman, U.S. Geographic Board.

CHM:MG

October 4, 1919.

Mr. W. I. Adams, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Adams:

Enclosed is my expense account for September amounting to \$316.50, and also vouchers for Bear skulls as per accompanying list.

I guess we had better pay the Northumberland rent bill in spite of the fact that they struck out the inserted line.

During September I made two field trips--one by auto, the other by rail and stage--both of which proved more than ordinarily fruitful. During the first trip, in addition to other material secured, I obtained the names and locations of more than 50 old village sites of the Nom-lik-ka Indians; and on the second trip, located more than 70 old villages of the Shaste tribe besides securing much other material of value. In view of the fact that not more than two or three Indians remain alive who know the tribal boundaries and the names and locations of their old villages, I certainly had exceptionally good luck in finding the right ones.

Expect to start north again in three days in pursuit of additional information.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Accompanying vouchers:

For Bear Skulls:	
W.A. Borland	\$28.00
Elbert Duryea	50.00
E. Kirberger	64.00
H. Moea	28.00
F. Phillips	45.00

C. Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, Marin County, Calif.

Expense Account for September 1919

1919		Subvoucher	
Sept.			
2	Mill Valley Garage, auto repairs & oils	1	6 85
2	Owl Drug Co., rubber bands & glue	2	65
2	Thread		10
2	Johnson Gear Co., making king-bolt for car	3	5 78
2	Associated Students Store, rental for typewriter		
	1 mo. (for Miss Clemence)	4	4 00
3	Paid Indian (Jeff Lewis, Chokimina) for vocabulary work		1 50
4	Paid Indian (Jeff Lewis) for vocabulary work		1 50
5			1 50
12-16	Auto trip Lagunitas to Paskenta:		
	Oil & gas for auto en route		8.61
	Photograph films		1.68
	Adhesive tape		.10
	Meals, self & assistant 5 days at \$1.10.00		
14	Paid Indian (Dominick, Nom-lik-ka) & family for vocabulary work		3.00
15	Paid Indian (Dominick) & family for vocabulary work		3.00
			26 39
	Stamped envelopes		1 06

11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31

21-26	Trip Lagunitas to Klamath Falls, Oregon, & Canyon:		
21	Fare, San Rafael-San Francisco & ret.	.54	
	Supper en route	1.00	
	RR fare San Francisco-Klamath Falls	14.36	
	Sleeper	2.70	5
22	Meals	3.25	
	Klamath Falls, bus to hotel	.25	
23	Klamath Falls, room White Pelican	1.75	6
	RR fare Klamath Falls-Weed	3.75	
	Seat in Pullman	.49	
	Meals en route	3.00	
	RR fare Weed-Ager	1.24	
24	Ager, lodging, breakfast, & dinner	2.50	7
24-26	Klamath Hot Springs, tobacco & presents for Indians	1.00	
	Paid Indian (Tom Bogus, Shaste) & wife for vocabulary work 2 days	8.00	
	Lodging & board 2 days (supper Sept. 24-dinner 26, incl.)	6.00	8
	Stage, Ager-Klamath Falls & return	6.00	8
26	RR fare, Ager-Dunsmuir	2.16	
	Sleeper, Ager-San Francisco	1.95	9
	Supper en route	1.25	
27	RR fare, Dunsmuir-San Francisco	9.67	
	Meals en route	2.00	

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26	Marsh & Co.:			
	Developing & printing photos	10		55
27	Films, developing & printing	11	4	24
29	Round trip San Rafael-San Francisco			.54
	Carfare 10¢; lunch 85¢		1	49
30	Thayer Garage, auto expenses for September (including retreading tire, repairs, gasoline & oil)	12	100	43

Field expenses of Stella Clemence in working on
Mission Records:

3	Ticket & berth, Berkeley-Los Angeles	18.10		
4	Breakfast	.60		
4	Pads, envelopes, pencil	.90	13	
10	Carfare, Los Angeles-San Gabriel & return	.37		
11	"	.37		
4-11	Hotel Clark, Los Angeles, room & grill	19.30	14	
4-11	Lunches	2.80		
11-17	G.M. Folsom (San Gabriel Hotel), room with breakfasts & dinners	10.00	15	
12-17	Lunches	1.50		
18	Hotel Clark, Los Angeles, room	2.00	16	

18	Breakfast	.40		
18	Fare, Los Angeles-Capistrano	1.81		
18-23	Las Rosas Hotel, Capistrano, room & board	21.00	17	
23	Fare, Capistrano-Los Angeles	1.81		
24	Hotel Clark, Los Angeles, room	2.00	18	
24	Breakfast & lunch	.85		
24	Fare, Los Angeles-San Diego	3.24		
25	Carpenter's Book Store, pads & pencil	.55	19	87 60

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---Three Hundred Sixteen---

---fifty---

316.50

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W. A. Borland

Hoonah, Alaska.

1919
Sept. 2 ad. male Brown Bear skulls from Port Frederick
(several teeth absent) 14.00 28 00

28 00

-----Twenty-eight-----

----no----

28.00

C. Hart *huron*
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Elbert Duryea

Iliamna, Alaska.

1919
Sept. 3 skulls of Big Brown Bears from Bear Bay,
Alaska Peninsula:
2 ad. males 20.00 40 00
1 ad. female 10 00

50 00

-----Fifty-----

----no----

50.00

C. Hart *huron*
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Ernest Kirberger

Kake, Alaska.

1919

Sept. 4 skulls of Big Brown Bears, Pybus Bay, Admiralty Island:

3 ad. males	18.00	54 00
1 young male		10 00

64 00

-----Sixty-four-----

-----no-----

64.00

C. Hartman

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H. Moses

Juneau, Alaska.

1919

September

Ad. male Grizzly, Stikine River	20 00
Ad. male Grizzly (badly damaged) Admiralty Island	8 00

28 00

-----Twenty-eight-----

-----no-----

28.00

C. Hartman

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Fred Phillips

Iliamna, Alaska

1919
Sept.

7 Bear skulls from Alaska Peninsula:

1 ad. male, Iliamna,

20 00

3 ad. females

10.00

30 00

3 cubs

5.00

15 00

65 00

-----Sixty-five-----

-----no-----

65.00

E. A. Phillips
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October 6, 1919.

Dear Miss Clemence:

Today we are packing for our auto trip to the northern part of the state, to be gone probably ten days.

As your account from September 25 to end of month has not been received, I am sending in my September account today without it, which is unfortunate. I am enclosing herewith check for \$87.50 to reimburse you for expenses up to the 25th, as per statement and bills rendered by you.

Arch Gilbert is going with us on this trip, and Miss Gandy is going to Berkeley. In one of your letters to Z. you said that either she or Miss G. might occupy your room at Hotel Baneroff. This privilege Miss Gandy will be glad to avail herself of.

Am anxious to know what success you finally had at San Diego.

You did not write me whether or not any Indians still remain in the neighborhood of Capistrano.

Am not having any mail forwarded, but shall be mighty glad to hear from you on our return.

I took the liberty to destroy an advertisement addressed to you from D'Quakil's school of languages.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

Miss Stella Clemence,
Hotel Clark,
Los Angeles, Calif.

October 6, 1919.

Dear Doctor Stephens:

Since last we met I have made two trips in the northern part of the state--one by auto, the other by rail and stage. During the last trip I went as far as Klamath Falls, Oregon, and revisited the upper canyon of the Klamath.

During the two trips, I secured the names and locations of more than 125 old rancheria sites, and obtained much other material of interest.

We are now packing for another auto trip, on which we expect to start tomorrow morning, to be gone in the neighborhood of ten days. We intend to work in Scott Valley and the Yreka region, and may get as far as Klamath River in order to supplement and correct material previously gathered. Wish you were going along.

With love to you all,

Very truly yours,

C. Hartman

Dr. W. Barclay Stephens,
1250 Bay St.,
Alameda, Calif.

October 6, 1919.

Dear Sheldon:

We all were mighty glad to hear from you and to know that you have rented a home in Georgetown for a period of three years.

I have been away a good deal on field trips, and have recently returned from Klamath Falls, Oregon, and the upper Klamath canyon. Tomorrow we are starting out again on an auto trip to the Yreka country, and may go as far as Klamath River in order to correct a few errors and obtain supplemental information.

Besides data on the distribution of trees and shrubs, I have located during the last two trips about 125 old rancheria sites of two tribes, and have obtained a large amount of vocabulary material. I wish you were here to go on some of these trips. Arch Gilbert is to accompany us on the one on which we are just setting out.

It seems strange that the White-throated Sparrow and Winter Wren were absent in your Nova Scotia forests, in view of the presence of Canada Jays, Spruce Grouse, Ruby-crowned Kinglets, and other boreal species.

Nelson is out here, but I have not seen him yet. Am trying to connect with him by wire today.

I hope you have been able to put in some good work on your Toklat book during the summer.

With love to you all from all of us,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. C. Sheldon,
3102 Q St.,
Washington, D.C.

October 6, 1919.

Mrs. A. B. Morrison,
U.S. Biological Survey,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Morrison:

Very many thanks for your courtesy in sending the small penalty envelopes. As we are still purchasing Bear skulls for the Biological Survey Collection, the need for envelopes continues.

I am away in the field a good deal, and have recently made two interesting trips in the northern part of the state, going as far as Klamath Falls, Oregon. One trip we made by auto, taking the entire family. And tomorrow we expect to start on another auto trip, to be gone about ten days. Arch Gilbert is going with us.

We have had a couple of early rains and the country is fresh and beautiful.

Thus far I have missed Mr. Nelson, but am trying to connect with him by wire today, as I believe he is now due in San Francisco.

With best wishes from us all,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

We are wondering if you have had your vacation yet.
You have kept well.

October 6, 1919.

Mr. Harry Garbitt,
Hudsons Hope, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Sometime ago the Biological Survey received a letter from you dated Hudsons Hope, May 5, stating that you were forwarding by express three Grizzly Bear skulls killed in the mountains in that vicinity.

These skulls have not yet arrived, and I shall be obliged if you will kindly send word to the express company to have them traced, also please let me know the ^{and address} name of the express company by which they were sent and I will stir them up from this end of the line.

You mention two more Grizzly skulls from the Nelson River country which you hoped to get and ship later. I trust that you have succeeded in this, as I am anxious to get as many skulls as possible from the east side of the mountains.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

October 6, 1919.

Kny-Scheerer Corporation,
404 W 27th St.
New York City.

Your letter of September 19 addressed to the Smithsonian Institution has been referred to me for reply.

For some years I have been purchasing skulls of Big Bears from Alaska, paying as high in some instances as \$25 for unusually fine skulls of old males; \$10 for females; and proportionally less for young or imperfect skulls, according to age and condition.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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October 6, 1919.

Mr. G. W. Palmer,
Smug Harbor, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 6 forwarded from Washington, would say that I am still purchasing skulls of Big Bears from Alaska.

For skulls of adult males in good condition, I usually pay about \$20 each; for adult females, \$10; for younger skulls, lesser amounts in proportion to age.

Skulls may be shipped as before, addressed U.S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. If sent by express they may go charges collect.

A few labels are enclosed herewith. Your name and address should be written on the outside of the package as well as on each label. Please do not fail to enter on each label the locality where the Bear was killed. No permits are required for shipping skulls to the Biological Survey.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MP

October 22, 1919.

Dear E. W.:

On returning from our trip north I find yours of October 11 in my accumulated mail.

We tried hard to connect with you after the receipt of your letter from Sacramento. Zenaida made two trips to the store on Sunday and one or two on Monday to telephone you at the St. Francis Hotel, but learned each time that you had not yet arrived. You must have found some supreme attraction at Sacramento.

If we could have connected with you and made sure when you could come, we would have remained over a couple of days in order to see you here; but as we could learn nothing, and the season was getting late, we decided to start north on Tuesday as planned.

We drove about a thousand miles, visiting McCloud River, the Shasta Plateau, Shasta Valley, Yreka Valley, and Scott Valley. The latter, about 22 miles in length, is ~~about~~ one of the most beautiful valleys in California, which is saying a good deal. It is hemmed in on all sides by mountains, so that one cannot get into or out of it without going over grades 2,000 feet or more above the valley. On the west side, the Salmon River Alps rise in an unbroken crestline marbled with snow.

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The last day on our way home we ran 215 miles over a variety of roadbeds, so it is evident that the trip to your ranch would be an easier one than 'Susie' is used to.

As soon as I get my notes written up from the last trip, I will let you know whether or not it seems practicable to make a hasty trip to find out what you have been doing down there in the tropics. Meanwhile, we all congratulate you on your splendid fruit crops this year.

We are just now under a cloud from a telegram from Dorothy announcing the death of little Carol, from an unexplained illness of only a few hours.

With love from us all,

As ever yours,

W. H. Henshaw

Mr. E. W. Nelson,
Orosi, R. A-135,
Calif.

On reading your letter again I see you speak of coming on or about the 25th. It will be impossible for us to go so soon. Please see about how to get it off for this year. But if you go just this time, let me hear from you soon, if only for a day. A telegram (via Los Angeles) on phone will reach us promptly and we will have to tell you the same.

October 22, 1919.

Dear E. W.:

On returning from our trip north I find yours of October 11 in my accumulated mail.

We tried hard to connect with you after the receipt of your letter from Sacramento. Zenaida made two trips to the store on Sunday and one or two on Monday to telephone you at the St. Francis Hotel, but learned each time that you had not yet arrived. You must have found some supreme attraction at Sacramento.

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Calif.

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us to go so soon. Give me about a week to get it up
for this year. But if you go out with the boys,
let me help you out some of my for a day. A telegram
(or a letter) on plane will reach us Sunday and we can
be at the ranch by Monday.*

October 22, 1919.

Dear Doctor Stephens:

On returning from our last trip north a couple of days ago, we found your letters of September 27 and October 8 in a batch of belated mail.

We are sorry to learn that you have been suffering from another cold, and trust that the dry invigorating air of Lake County has put you completely on your feet again. We should have enjoyed another visit with you all at the 'Shadows' immensely, and shall hope that the pleasure is only postponed until another year.

On our recent trip 'Susie' carried us successfully about a thousand miles, and the last day of the return trip ran 215 miles. But the long stretches of sharp broken stones on the new highway up Sacramento canyon grade damaged several tires and tore one all to pieces. The grade however was much easier than expected, and 'Susie' had no trouble whatever in making the run. Another year when the surfacing of the highway has been accomplished, the run up the canyon will be most delightful.

We camped on McClellan River near the fish hatchery at Baird both going and coming, and one cold night camped directly abreast of and close by Mt. Shasta; and when in Yreka Valley, camped several nights in a Ponderosa Pine forest, from which we had sublime views of the great mountain in the evening sunset glow.

From Yreka Valley I made trips over the high grade into Scott Valley in order to locate Indians, and on the last one, took the entire family and camped in the valley, returning over the

W.B.S.--2.

Scott Mountains by the Callahan-Gazelle high grade. On this last grade we came near having an exciting experience. We had a blow-out of one of the hind tires just as a newly started forest fire was rushing and roaring toward us with appalling swiftness. We changed the tire quickly, but for sometime were unable to pump any air into it because of a tiny bit of rubber lodged in the valve. However we got off in time and made the grade without further difficulty except for a little boiling at one point.

Scott Valley is about 22 miles long, and is hemmed in by high mountains on all sides, so that there is no such thing as getting into it without going over a divide at least 2,000 feet above the floor of the valley. The Salmon Alps on the west side are a lofty snow-marbled range well worth a long trip to see. Forests of Ponderosa Pines, intermixed with Incense Cedar, Douglas Spruce, and Black and White Oaks, encroach on all sides, and here and there send tongues out into the floor of the valley. The oaks are now in their fall plumage, and the coloring of the White Oaks (*Q. garryana*) is simply gorgeous.

In the way of material we got what we went for and more, so that the trip as a whole is one of the most satisfactory and successful I have ever made; and we all wished many times that you and your family were with us. You must go there on one of your vacations, and I wish it might work out so that we could go together.

On reaching home we were saddened by a telegram from Dorothy announcing the unexplained death of little Carol, after an illness of only a few hours.

With love to you all,

As ever yours,

P.S. Thanks for the returned films, which came all right.

October 22, 1919.

Dear Miss Clemence:

Your letters of October 8 and 14 were here on our return from a most successful field trip in the northern part of the state, and I am much pleased to learn what you tell me of your work and the large amount of important material you have secured. It is great that you are able to identify the rancherias mentioned by the Portola Expedition.

Am too busy just now to write at all fully of our recent trip, but must tell you that we camped with the Wintoon on McCloud River, with Shaste Indians in Yreka Valley and the northern part of Scott Valley, and that finally and above all, I succeeded in finding and working one of the only two surviving Indians of the Ko'-no-me'-ho tribe (Shastan stock) from Salmon River. He gave me the names and locations of practically all of the old rancherias of his tribe, and also names of adjacent tribes, besides a good vocabulary.

The only thing I failed on was at Tehama, where I learned from non-resident Indians that the last native river Wintoon of that region died several years ago.

We drove our car nearly a thousand miles, and the day of our return drove 215 miles.

On returning we were saddened by a telegram from Dorothy announcing the death of dear little Carol, after an unidentified illness of only a few hours.

Do not fail to notify me in time as to your next address. Mrs. M. and Z. send love.

Very truly yours,

Miss Stella Clemence,
Recreation Center,
Santa Barbara, Calif.

October 22, 1919.

Mr. William Ullman, Secretary
American Automobile Association,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Ullman:

Your letter of October 8 asking me to be present at a luncheon of the Advisory Board on October 11 has just reached me on my return from a thousand mile auto trip among the mountains of the northern part of California.

Kindly present my regards to Judge Knapp, and accept my apologies for late acknowledgment of your letter.

I do not expect to return to Washington until sometime in December. Am having great success here.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

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C. Hart Merriam

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October 22, 1919.

Mr. Clarence J. Owens, Director General.
Southern Commercial Congress,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of October 3 inviting me to deliver an address at the forthcoming meeting of the Congress to be held in Savannah, Georgia, December 8-10, has just reached me on my return from a field trip in northern California.

I do not expect to return to Washington until the latter part of December, and therefore shall not be able to attend the Congress.

With thanks for your kind invitation.

Very truly yours,


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October 24, 1919.

Mr. George S. Grant,
California State Automobile Ass'n.,
1628 Van Ness Ave.,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Grant:

Referring to our conversation of yesterday, you may be glad to have a written memorandum concerning the two signs which, in my judgment, are badly needed at Fairfield and Dunnigan.

The one pointing west at or near the courthouse in Fairfield bears the words 'Benicia' and 'Vallejo', but says nothing about Napa. This you will readily see is misleading to west-bound tourists not acquainted with the local roads--for it is safe to say that not one person in ten knows that the road out of Fairfield-Suisun labeled 'Benicia and Vallejo' is the same one that leads to Napa. The word 'Napa' in big letters should certainly be added to the Fairfield sign.

A short distance west of Fairfield on the road to Cordelia is a road leading north which is signed "Napa via Wooden Valley", but there is no sign whatever on the direct road west indicating that the main road leads also to Napa. Strangers to whom the name 'Wooden Valley' means nothing naturally think that this is the proper road to Napa, there being no other sign bearing the name 'Napa.' I strongly urge that another sign pointing west and labeled "Direct Road to Napa" be erected at this point.

At or near Dunnigan two roads leave the main road for Capay, but neither has any sign whatever to indicate where it goes.

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One of these leaves the main road a short distance north of Dunnigan, and is itself the main road leading to Capay. The other goes directly west from Dunnigan to the Capay road. On the highway at Dunnigan is a highway sign saying "Dangerous but passable." As this is the only sign in sight, tourists are misled into taking this horrible roundabout, dusty, and bumpy road south to Blacks.

(Enclosed is a diagram showing the points in question).

Your strip maps of this region recommend the Pioneer Garage at Winters. This garage has no mechanic and is a very poorly kept place. The Winters Garage is vastly better, and has a mechanic.

Thanking you for your many courtesies,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart

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October 24, 1919.

Dear Lyman:

Your letter of September 29 addressed to Vernon Bailey has been forwarded to me for reply.

The map rack in question, which I have found most satisfactory and believe to be beyond question the best map roller in existence, is manufactured by the Charles S. Jenkins Company, Lansdale, Penn.

It consists of a single roller, not a number of small ones. The roller varies in diameter from about 8 to 10 or 12 inches, according to the number of map sheets to be held. The one in my office carries 35 large manila sheets about 4½ feet in breadth by 5 or 6 feet in length (vertical). The roller has a spring on top by which the tension is regulated according to the weight of the maps attached at any one time, so that the balance allows any map to remain stationary at the height of one's eye at whatever point one wishes to examine. If you order one of these, you must specify the approximate length of roller you desire, this corresponding of course with the horizontal measurement of the largest map you wish to mount on it. As the roller is revolved, a series of large manila sheets are (in my case 35) turned over, any one of which may be exposed by reversing the roller. These manila sheets are so long that several maps are ordinarily mounted on each one, both side by side and one below another. I think mine carries at the present time about 125 maps, some of which are very large. The maps are attached to the manila sheets by means of ordinary

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adhesive plaster, three or four strips an inch wide being sufficient to hold a good sized map. When a map is to be replaced, it is necessary only to remove or cut the sticking plasters, when a new one may be installed at a moment's notice.

The edges of the manila sheets are numbered consecutively to correspond with an index which one naturally keeps on a peg close to the roller. The roller is attached to a frame which can be belted to a wall or mounted on a portable frame. I used to have them mounted in both ways in my office in the Biological Survey.

Elizabeth, Zenaida, and I have just returned from an auto trip of about a thousand miles to northern California. We thought of you when we camped under the shadow of Shasta a few miles north of Sisson. We also visited some wonderful valleys among the high mountains northwest of Sisson. On our return trip we drove 215 miles the last day. Am still driving the old Chevrolet-6 which carried our family across the continent in 1913 and again in 1914.

How are you all? We sometimes learn of you or members of your family through the Boonville Herald. We are wondering if Gould's death makes any difference in your status or prospects.

With love from us all, and best wishes,

As ever yours,

Mr. Lyman L. Merriam,
Lyons Falls, N.Y.

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October 24, 1919.

Col. H. C. Rizer,
U.S. Geological Survey,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Colonel Rizer:

It will be greatly appreciated if you will be kind enough to send me for official use copy of Water Supply Paper 429, Ground Water in the San Jacinto & Temecula Basins, California, and map sheet of Sulphur Springs quadrangle, California, listed in New Publications List 139, September 1, 1919.

We have made some mighty interesting trips this year, and have secured a very large amount of material. The most interesting as well as the most productive of these were to the Paskenta, Stony Creek, Klamath canyon, and Scott Valley regions. The last one, from which we have just returned, covered about a thousand miles, 215 of which were made the last day of the home run.

We all wish you could come out here while you are still young to take one of these fine trips with us.

With love from us all,

As ever yours,

C. H. Rizer

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October 25, 1919.

Dear Arch:

Very many thanks for the prunes.

If you have plenty of time before coming up Tuesday, I wish you would drop into a stationery store or the loose-leaf establishment on Market Street and see if you can match the enclosed sheet. I have plenty of the ruled like sample, but am anxious to get about 500 sheets unruled for typewriting. This being a standard size, may come both ways. If not, do not get any as we have plenty of the ruled.

When we reached San Rafael the other evening, we found Susie's viscera spread out in the back part of Thayer's workshop. In hunting for the grind he failed to find anything wrong until he opened the differential, when he discovered that several teeth of the bevel-gear ring were broken, so he sent the ring to S.F. to have a new one made, and at the same time sent the rear axles for the reason that the square ends were twisted fully a quarter of an inch out of plumb and liable to break at any time. This will result in a nice bill and also probably in a week's delay, so it looks as if you would have to escort yourself up the hill Tuesday night-- lucky you sent the prunes ahead.

We had a fine rain here yesterday, and presume its skirts reached Mill Valley.

Mama says please bring up a beef-steak when you come Tuesday night. Do not get a porterhouse, sirloin, tenderloin, or T-bone--just an upper round, about 4 pounds. Hope it will be as good as that abalone steak, but this is mighty doubtful. Until Tuesday night, so long.

E. H. Anderson

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TELEGRAM

October 26, 1919.

E. W. NELSON (*Can Nelson & Bellman*)
CUTLER, CALIF.

CANT MAKE IT THIS TIME. SORRY. HAVE WRITTEN.

C. HART MERRIAM

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October 26, 1919.

Dear E. W.:

Thanks for yours just received with directions for reaching you. Elizabeth and I would go tomorrow except for two stern facts: (1) that I am suffering from lumbago which I caught from you several years ago; (2) that 'Susie' at the moment is non compos, waiting for a new differential ring that is being made in S.F.

On our way home a few days ago, we noticed a grind whenever a little extra power was put on. After our return I drove to San Rafael and asked Thayer to find the grind. He did not hit it until he opened the differential and found several teeth broken. The new ring will doubtless arrive during the week, but too late to enable us to go to your ranch, even if my back recovers in a day or two, which it probably will.

All of this is sad but cannot be helped. Perhaps if we make a strong pull together next year you will be able to connect with us here at Lagunitas, and we may take you to your own ranch by auto--thus accomplishing both of the long deferred visits.

Regretfully yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. E. W. Nelson,
R. A-135,
Oroqui, Calif.

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October 26, 1919.

Bird & Grant,
Yreka, Calif.

Dear Sirs:

When in Yreka a short time ago, I found that the old Indians Shasta Jake and his wife appeared to be poorly off for clothing for cold weather, and promised to send them some old clothes. They asked me to send them in your care, which I am now doing by parcel post.

I shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly see that the package reaches them.

Very truly yours,

Albert H. H. H.

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October 27, 1919.

Dear Doctor Stephens:

Your letter of the 24th inst. was very welcome, and we all are glad to know that you had such a delightful little visit at your Clear Lake ranch, and that it did you so much good.

Much as I should enjoy lunching with you and Harry Allen on Wednesday, I feel that I ought not to spare the time just now, and with your consent will postpone the pleasure. Fall is coming on all too swiftly, and much field work remains for me to accomplish. On my last trip I gathered so much material that I have not yet caught up in writing my notes and coloring my maps--this will take several days longer, so I feel that I ought to stick to my work and get as much done as possible while the weather permits.

I shall be interested to see the specimens you brought home of your Clear Lake Manzanitas

You must be about out of mounting paper. I had intended to send you more before this, but pressure of work has prevented. Today or tomorrow we will mail you another batch.

Thanks to you and Mrs. Stephens for your kind words concerning the loss of Dorothy's sweet little baby. Dorothy and Henry, and for that matter all of us, are heartbroken--she was such a remarkably happy, loving, and lovable little one. The cause of her death is a mystery. She was perfectly well up to within a few hours of the time of her death. Several eminent specialists were called. On taking her temperature they thought the thermometers wrong and used others, and could hardly believe their eyes when all the thermometers read alike, 109.6°. The autopsy revealed nothing except undeveloped adrenal glands.

With love to you all from us all,
As ever yours,

Dr. W. Barclay Stephens.
1250 Bay St., Alameda, Calif.

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October 27, 1919.

Mr. W. I. Adams, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Adams:

The enclosed bill of \$2.71 from the Railway Express Co. forwarded by you on the 21st inst., is for Bear skulls and should be paid by the Biological Survey.

I note that it is dated May 1919. In case this is too far back to allow it to be paid by the Biological Survey, I am willing that it should be paid from the Harriman fund.

Have recently returned from an auto trip of about a thousand miles in the northern part of the state, which included the climbing of five mountain grades of from two to three thousand feet each. Never before secured so much material on a single trip. Drove the car back all right but crippled, and am now having a new differential gear ring and a new rear axle made in San Francisco. It is becoming a pressing question whether it would not be cheaper in the long run to sell the old car for whatever it would bring and buy a new one. The old one is a wonderful car in many ways, but has already run some forty thousand miles, much of which has been over terrible roads, so that the wear and tear has been much greater than most cars would stand up for. However, she is sure to carry me through the present season, but the cost for repairs and tires has been heavy.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,
Chas. D. Harriman

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October 29, 1919.

Mr. W. A. Huestis,
Forest Supervisor,
Yreka, Calif.

My dear Sir:

When in Yreka a short time ago I was sorry to miss you, but your polite assistant was kind enough to give me a map of the western half of the Klamath Forest which proved of great service in mapping distributions.

There are several locations in the territory under your jurisdiction which I am unable to place exactly, and if you will be kind enough to tell me where they are, I shall be greatly obliged.

On Upper Bogus Creek is there a big spring by a big rock? If so, about how many miles up from Klamath River? And is there a conspicuous table rock or rock ledge on Upper Bogus Creek? If so, how far up?

In Shasta Valley, how far is the boiling hot spring from the junction of Little Shasta Creek with Shasta River?

How far below Yreka on Yreka Creek is the power house?

There is said to be a small pond or reservoir about 4 miles south of Yreka on the road to Gazelle. Is this distance correct? And how far south of this reservoir is the ranch of Tom Morse?

On Moffit Creek in Scott Valley is there a ranch known as Whites? If so, how far from Ft. Jones?

In Scott Valley there is said to be an island near the middle of the valley, a place commonly spoken of as "The Island." How far is this south of Ft. Jones or north of Etna?

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How far southeast of Etna is McBride's ranch?

On Scott River how far below Ft. Jones is Wick's place?

Is there a place called 'Petersburg' on or near South Fork of Salmon? If so, where is it?

I shall be thankful for any of these which you may be able to locate without too much trouble.

Very truly yours,

E. A. Huestis

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October 29, 1919.

Mr. Peters,
U.S. Salmon Hatchery,
Baird, Calif.

My dear Sir:

When camping for a night near the Fish Hatchery a short time ago, I was suffering from an acute attack of lumbago and could hardly navigate, and you were kind enough to loan me a mattress, which proved a greater comfort than you can easily imagine. I wish to thank you for your courtesy in the matter. I tried to see you when we returned it next morning but did not succeed.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. H. H. H. H. H.

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*I will remember our trip to the lake camp
in July 1903 - 16 years ago!*

October 30, 1919.

The Honorable
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 23 (Di 015.57-) would state that owing to my temporary absence from Washington, I have referred your letter with attached copy of letter from the Norwegian Minister relating to the spelling of foreign geographic names, to Mr. Charles S. Sloane, Secretary of the U.S. Geographic Board, who will supply the needed information.

Respectfully,

C. H. Sturges
Chairman, U.S. Geographic Board

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October 30, 1919.

Mr. Charles S. Sloane, Secretary
U.S. Geographic Board,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Sloane:

The enclosed from the Secretary of State with accompanying copy of request from the Norwegian Minister for information concerning the policy of the Board in regard to the spelling of foreign geographic names has just reached me, and I shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly reply to the Secretary of State.

We have recently returned from a most interesting auto trip of about a thousand miles to the northern part of the state, in connection with which we visited McCloud River and Shasta, Yreka, and Scott valleys, securing a very large number of rancheria and geographic names from several Indian tribes.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

C. H. Sturges

October 30, 1919.

Dear Miss Clemence:

Yours of the 26th inst. from Santa Barbara just received, for which I am obliged. But your account like the previous one does not carry you to the end of the month. I thought I made it plain in connection with your September account that our accounts are expected to conclude the month, not to cover parts of two months. In the hope of receiving your San Diego hotel bill to the end of September, I delayed sending in my account until the day we left, October 7. I hope you will send me the rest of your account for October (October 25-31) as soon as possible so that I may complete my account for the month.

It is almost too good to be true that you had such splendid success at Santa Barbara, and that you have been able to check up so many secondhand references by the original records.

Santa Ynez Mission is a long way from Santa Ynez town and also from the other neighboring town, Los Olivos, and as there are no ranches in the immediate vicinity of the mission, I am at a loss to know where you will be able to put up. Shall await word from you with interest, and trust that you will find a suitable abode while working on the Mission Records.

Will send a manifold of this to San Luis Obispo so that you may get it promptly in case you find it impracticable to tarry at Santa Ynez.

S.C.-2.

Ever since our return from the last trip I have been working hard on the material gathered. I have tabulated and located on maps 117 Shasta rancherias--56 on Klamath River, 24 in Shasta and Yreka valleys, 15 in Scott valley, 9 on Scott River, 9 on Moffit Creek, and 5 on Willow and Bogus Creeks. Besides these I have 20 rancherias of the Ko'-no-me'-hoo and Kah-hoo'-tin-e'-ruk on Salmon River--a pretty good showing, isn't it?

Now that you are working northward we can begin to think about a little auto trip before you pull out for the East.

The weather here still holds fine, and the nights are clear and frosty--no fog.

Thanks to your kind services, Miss Gandy was most pleasantly situated while at Berkeley.

With best wishes from us all, and hoping to receive the balance of your account promptly,

Very truly yours,

E. Hall Merriam

Miss Stella Clemence,

Santa Ynez, Calif.

(Copy to San Luis Obispo)

Your references are surprisingly small. I fear you are not getting enough to eat. Don't compromise on food.

October 30, 1919.

My dear Florence:

By this mail I am sending you for safe-keeping until y
return a package of manuscript and maps relating to the Indians
of Klamath canyon and tributary valleys, as follows:

- List of 56 Shaste rancherias on Klamath River
- List of 24 Shaste rancherias in Shasta & Yreka Valleys
- List of 15 Shaste rancherias in Scott Valley
- List of 9 Shaste rancherias on Scott River
- List of 9 Shaste rancherias on Moffit Creek
- List of 5 Shaste rancherias on Willow & Bogus Creeks
- List of 17 Ko-no-mo-hoo rancherias on Salmon River
- List of 3 Kah-hoo-tin-e-ruk rancherias on South Fork Salmon

Also three maps:

- (1) One giving names and locations of Kahrok rancherias
- (2) One showing locations and rancherias of Shastan tribes
in Klamath basin
- (3) One showing all the tribes of Klamath basin

There are also a few sheets of miscellaneous notes relating
to the Shaste Indians.

I have duplicates of practically all of this here, but the
material is too extensive and too valuable to risk keeping it all
in one place.

I have located and secured the names of 137 Shastan
rancherias in Klamath basin, 76 Kahrok, and 51 Yurok, making in
all 264.

As ever,

Mrs. Florence M. Bailey,
1834 Kalorama Road,
Washington, D.C.

November 2, 1919.

Mr. S. W. Allen,
C/o W. A. Huestis,
Yreka, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Very many thanks for your promptness and courtesy in writing me so fully in reply to my inquiries about the locations of certain places in Klamath National Forest. I am surprised that you are able offhand to furnish so much detailed information.

This emboldens me to ask one more question. The Forest Service map of the west half of Klamath Forest shows the South Fork of Salmon River to divide at Cecilville into two streams, both of which are labeled 'South Fork.' I shall be obliged if you will kindly tell me the current usage as to the several forks. Is the main Salmon the one that flows past Sawyers Bar and Redbank, or the one that flows northwesterly from Cecilville to Forks of Salmon? Just where does South Fork begin according to present usage, and what are the present accepted names ^{of the stream} labeled 'South Fork' on the map in question?

Very truly yours,

E. H. Murrison

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November 3, 1919.

Mr. H. B. Clow, President
Rand McNally & Company,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of October 10 has been forwarded to me from Washington.

I am glad to learn that Mr. Wm. O. Tufts has been engaged as Special Representative of your Map Division for Washington, and shall be pleased to meet him on my return a month or so hence.

Very truly yours,

E. H. Murrison
Chairman, U.S. Geographic Board

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November 3, 1919.

Dr. Hartley H. T. Jackson,
U.S. Biological Survey,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Jackson:

Replying to your letter of October 24 concerning the American Society of Mammalogists, would say that I shall be obliged if you will learn all you can of the views of members as to the most desirable date for the next meeting. I do not expect to return until sometime in December--possibly not until after the middle of the month, although this is not yet certain--but there will be ample time for the necessary authorization for printing the second number of the Journal.

I am greatly interested and pleased to know that we already have 400 members--certainly a matter for mutual congratulation.

There is a matter concerning which I have been intending to write you all summer but which is not pressing at the present time. It is the matter of incorporation. The Constitution we adopted, so far as a quorum of the Council is concerned, is in violation of the District Law on the subject, so that it will be necessary to make some readjustment before incorporating. I had the incorporation document all drawn up ready for signatures when I discovered this obstacle.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Jackson and yourself,

Very truly yours,

E. M. Merriam

CHM:MG

November 3, 1919.

Mr. D. M. Riordan,
525 Market St.,
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Mr. Riordan:

Your letter of October 18 has been forwarded to me from Washington, and let me assure you that I am very glad to hear from you again and to know that you are still located in San Francisco. I go there rarely, but when I do go I shall certainly make an effort to call on you.

I have read the copy you enclosed of your letter to Mr. Vogelsang, and on my return to Washington a month or so hence, shall be glad to see Mrs. Sternberg although I am not at all sure that I shall be able to do anything for her. Her father, Dr. Hoffman, I knew for many years.

Mrs. Merriam, Zenaida, and myself have been here most of the summer, and have often wondered as to the whereabouts of yourself and family. We are particularly glad therefore of the news you gave us of Helen, Marie, and Elizabeth.

Our oldest daughter Dorothy has recently lost her baby, a sweet little girl who died suddenly on the anniversary of her birthday. Her other little girl, now 2½ years old, is well and happy and the delight of us all. Her husband, Henry Abbot, is an engineer, specializing in hydraulic and electric work. During the War he planned and constructed the big electric plant at Camp Devens, after which he was made Assistant Manager, and later Manager, of the New England Ship-Building. A month or two ago he resigned to go on with his regular professional work.

When you write the girls, please give them our love.

With best wishes to you all,

As ever yours,

E. M. Merriam

November 3, 1919.

Mrs. John S. Stephens,
227 N. Ivy Avenue,
Monrovia, Calif.

My dear Mrs. Stephens:

Your letter of September 26 forwarded from Washington reached me on my return from a recent field trip in the northern part of the state.

Unfortunately, I have none of my basket cards here in California, but shall be very glad to send you one on my return next month. You doubtless remember that my method is to paste a photograph of each basket on a card, and to enter on the card the data concerning it--name of tribe, of locality where purchased, name and use of basket, and materials of which composed if known.

Regretting that I am unable to send you one of the cards at present,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

November 3, 1919.

Dear Doctor Stephens:

Yours of the 1st inst. just received. I shall be glad to accept your invitation to come to the City on Wednesday morning to meet your friends from the Mendota country.

I will be in the lobby of the Plaza Hotel at 9:30 Wednesday morning, and shall be mighty glad to see you again.

With love to you all,

Hastily,

C. Hart Merriam

Dr. W. Barclay Stephens,
1250 Bay St.,
Alameda, Calif.

November 6, 1919.

Dear Miss Clemence:

Thanks for your supplemental account to the end of the month, which reached me in ample time. The amount due you for the month, if we have figured it correctly, is \$58.05, which I am enclosing herewith by check on Crocker Bank. I am forwarding also by same mail your Smithsonian check, which arrived today.

Your letter of the 3rd from San Miguel also came today, and I am very glad to know that you have arrived so far north.

As to our promised auto trip, nothing but sadness stares us in the face at the present moment. For the past month there has been a strike of the machinists in the Bay Region so it has been impossible to have made a gear ring, broken on our last trip. This has now been at the gear-works in San Francisco two whole weeks, but when I inquired yesterday nothing had been done, as the strike is still on. It is hoped that it may be broken in the near future, but until then things are at a standstill. Hence, at present we have no car.

So you had better go right on with your work in the sequence that is most convenient for you, and we will try to make up for it by some sort of a trip when the car is in running order.

Owing to this same difficulty I am starting tomorrow by rail on a trip up the McCloud in hopes of obtaining some much-needed additional Wintoon material, with also a rather hopeless hope of getting hold of some information about the southeastern branch of Shastan stock which Dixon calls "O-kwan-u-tsu." I think I have

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pretty nearly cleaned up the other geographic divisions of the stock excepting the one reported from the upper New River region, now believed to be extinct.

With best wishes, and regrets that our plans have been interfered with by car trouble,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart

P.S. Your big package of manuscript arrived safely and is now reposing in our fire-proof vault.

Miss Stella Clemence,
Hotel Monterey,
Monterey, Calif.

November 6, 1919.

Mr. W. I. Adams,
Accountant, Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Adams:

Herewith I am handing you my expense account for October 1919, amounting to \$214.13, and vouchers as per accompanying list, which I shall be obliged if you will kindly pay as usual from the Harriman fund.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Accompanying Vouchers:

J.W. Scollick, cleaning skulls \$19.00

Z. Merriam, services as asst. 45.50

For Deer Skulls:

W.W. Council	10.00
E.J. Harmer	11.00
Harmer & Pippie	11.00
Wm. R. McFall	45.00
H. Jones	50.00
Taylor, Drury, Pedlar	50.00

C. Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, Marin County, Calif.

Expense Account for October 1919

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Subvoucher No.

919			
ct. 2	Isaac Upham Co., 3 county maps	1	1 50
ct. 7-13	Auto Trip Lagunitas to McCloud River and Shasta, Yreka, and Scott valleys:		
	Gasoline (less 8 gals-\$2.40, in Yreka voucher)		
	74 gallons	19.64	
	Oil & grease	3.90	
	Vulcanizing tube	1.20	
	Fanstrap \$1.10; lamps 70¢	1.80	
	Spring clips & misc. repairs	2.75	
	Yreka Garage:		
11	Adjusting clutch & brake	6.40	2
13	Retreading tire \$29.50; gas \$2.40;		
	misc. \$1.25	33.15	3
	Board 13 days (Oct. 7-19 incl.) self & asst. @ \$1 each	26.00	
	Yreka Valley, food (meat, apples, & tobacco) for Indians	3.27	
	Paid Indians for services (vocabulary work):		
10	Shasta Jake & wife	3.00	
11	Cynthia Mike & sister	3.00	
12	Scott Valley Indians	2.50	
13	Shasta Jake & wife	2.00	

14	Ft. Jones, Mrs. Ruff \$2; Philip & Mabel Donahue \$1.50	3.50	
15-16	Etna, E-shah-pon (surviving Konomehoo)	7.00	
18	McCloud River, Wintoon Indians	2.50	121 61
23	Round trip San Rafael-San Francisco	.54	
	Street-car fares 20¢; lunch 80¢	1.00	1 54
23	Hicks-Judd Co., binding Cooper's Ornith of Calif.	4.00	4 00
	Glue 15¢; telephone calls 20¢		36
24	Stamps & stamped envelopes	1 59	
27	Patrick & Co., 9 pkg. loose-leaf sheets @ 20¢	1 80	
31	Marsh & Co., developing, printing, & enlarging photographs during October	6 19 32	
	Thayer Garage, auto expenses for October	7 4 37	
Field expenses of Stella Clemence in working on Mission Records:			
1	Hotel San Diego, room & grill Sept. 24-Oct. 1	13.80	8
1	Carpenter's Book Store, maps & pads	. 65	9
1	Fare, San Diego-Oceanside	1.94	

1-4	Star Cafe, room & meals (Oceanside)	6.10	10
	Fare, Oceanside-Capistrano	1.34	
4-5	Las Rosas Hotel (Capistrano), room	3.00	11
4-5	Meals at cafes in Capistrano	2.90	
	Fare, Capistrano-Los Angeles	1.81	
7	Pads & pencils	.90	12
8	Fare, Los Angeles-Ventura	2.43	
8-10	Anacapa Hotel (Ventura), room & dinners	4.00	13
	Breakfasts & lunches in Ventura cafes	2.05	
	Fare, Ventura-Santa Barbara	1.10	
24	Carfare, Santa Barbara Mission, 8 days @ 20¢	1.60	
29	Postage, registered MSS, Santa Barbara-Lagunitas	2.22	
30	Fare, Santa Barbara-Santa Ynez	3.20	
	Lunch, Santa Ynez	1.00	
	Fare, Santa Ynez-Santa Maria	2.16	
30-31	Santa Maria Inn, room, dinner, & breakfast	4.50	14
	Fare, Santa Maria-San Luis Obispo	1.35	58 05

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----Two Hundred Fourteen-----

--thirteen--

214.13

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J. W. Scollick

U. s. National Museum, Washington, D.C.

1919			
Oct. 27	To cleaning Bear Skulls		
	4 skulls	.75	3 00
	32 "	.50	16 00

19 00

-----Nineteen-----
19.00

C. Hart Merriam
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Zenaida Merriam

Lagunitas, Marin County, California.

1919			
Oct. 31	To services as Assistant 13 days	3.50	45 50

45 50

-----Forty-five----- ----fifty----
45.50

C. Hart Merriam
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November 7, 1919.

Dear Nelson:

Your letter of October 27 from Orosi came duly, followed immediately by the grapes. These Malaga Grapes are new to us and are very delicious, though not so irresistibly luscious as the Black Muscats; but as a steady standby they are splendid.

When I was a boy my father used to get imported Malaga Grapes packed in cork. They were a hard winter grape without much flavor, not in any way to be compared with yours.

Am just setting out on a short trip to McCloud River-- probably the last one to the north this season, as we have already had several rains and the nights are very cold.

We were sorry to learn that your mother is not so well as usual, and trust that you will find her much improved.

With kindest regards to you both from us all, and our united thanks for the grapes,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Hastings

Mr. E. W. Nelson, Chief
U.S. Biological Survey,
Washington, D. C.

November 7, 1919.

Mr. Johnnie Martin,
Paskenta, Calif.

My dear Sir:

The photographs I promised you are enclosed herewith. I am sorry for the long delay in sending them. The reason is that I have been away on other trips.

I made a mistake in taking them in having you all stand in the shade of a tree. When I go to see you again, if you will stand in a good light, I will promise you a much better picture.

I had intended to go up there again this fall, but it is getting so late and I have so much work to do that I may not be able to make it before next spring.

Please remember me to Dominick Hastings and your wife.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Hastings

CHM:MG

Dr. W. W. Council

Cordova, Alaska.

1919

Oct. 25 1 yg. male Grizzly skull

10 00

10 00

-----Ten-----

---no---

10.00

W. W. Council
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E. J. Hamacher

Whitehorse, Yukon.

1919

Oct. 10 2 Grizzly Bear skulls from Ross River:

1 large ad. male

20 00

1 small ad. male (damaged)

8 00

1 ad. Black Bear skull, male, from Lake Kluane

3 00

31 00

-----Thirty-one-----

---no---

31.00

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Mackay & Dippie

Banff, B. C.

1919

October

5 Grizzly Bear skulls from east of Whitehorse, Yukon:

1 very old male

22 00

3 ad. females

\$8

24 00

1 cub

4 00

● Black Bear skulls

1.50

6 00

4

56 00

-----Fifty-six-----

---no---

56.00

C. Hart *huron* ~~XXXXXX~~

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Chas. H. McNeil

Kamishak, via Seldovia, Alaska.

1919

October

4 Grizzly skulls from Kamishak Bay region, Alaska:

1 ad. male

18 00

1 ad. female

8 00

2 yg. males

\$10.00

20 00

46 00

-----Forty-six-----

---no---

46.00

C. Hart *huron* ~~XXXXXX~~

H. Moses

Juneau, Alaska.

1919

Oct. 23 6 Grizzly Bear skulls from southeastern Alaska:

2 ad. males	\$18	36 00
1 ad. male (damaged)		10 00
1 ad. female		10 00
1 ad. male (badly damaged)		5 00
1 ad. female		8 00

69 00

-----Sixty-nine-----

-----no-----

69.00

C. Hartman

Taylor, Drury, Pedlar & Co.

Whitehorse, Yukon.

1919

October 3

9 Grizzly skulls east of Whitehorse, Yukon:

2 ad. males	\$18	36 00
5 ad. females	8	40 00
2 cubs	4	8 00
2 Black Bear skulls	1	2 00

86 00

-----Eighty-six-----

-----no-----

86.00

C. Hartman

November 7, 1919.

Dr. W. W. Council,
Cordova, Alaska.

Dear Doctor Council:

A notification from Washington announces the receipt of a young male Grizzly skull from you, without data. A check in payment (\$10) will be sent you shortly, and I shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly let me know where and approximately when this Bear was killed.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

November 7, 1919.

Mr. E. J. Hamacher,
Whitehorse, Yukon.

Dear Sir:

The three Bear skulls mentioned in your letter without date (probably written late in September) reached the Biological Survey duly. One skull is that of a Black Bear, for which your account is credited \$3; for the Grizzly with the right side of brain case shattered, \$8; for the good male Grizzly from Ross River \$20; in all \$31, a check for which will be sent you from the Smithsonian Institution shortly.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

November 7, 1919.

Mackay & Dippie,
Banff, B. C.

The 9 Bear skulls shipped by you on September 19 have reached the Biological Survey, for which I am obliged. Four of them however are Black Bears which, as you know, I do not care much for, and are entered at \$1.50 each or \$6 for the batch. For the others your account has been credited \$8 each for the 3 females; \$4 for the cub, and \$22 for the old male from east of Whitehorse; \$56 in all. I shall be glad to look at the last mentioned skull particularly on my return to Washington.

Unfortunately, the report I have received from the Biological Survey does not give your original numbers so that I am unable to comply with your request by mentioning the price for each number.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

November 7, 1919.

Mr. Chas. H. McNeil,
Kamishak (via Seldovia),
Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of September 6 reached the Biological Survey in due time, and the four skulls of Brown Bears mentioned have reached the Survey in good condition. For them I have credited your account as follows: the adult male, \$18; adult female, \$8; 2 immature males (at \$10 each), \$20; in all \$46, a check for which will be sent you from my account in the Smithsonian Institution in the near future.

A letter from J. M. Sargent, who apparently attended to the reshipment of these skulls at Seattle, asks that the check be sent to him at Delta, Colorado. But inasmuch as you specifically requested that the return be sent to you at Kamishak, I am following your instructions.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

November 7, 1919.

Mr. H. Moses,
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of October 4 has been forwarded to me, together with a report of the six Bear skulls shipped at the same time, and two others which I assume are the ones you sent from Seattle. Two of the skulls in the former shipment are those of Black Bears and are labeled Funtar Bay, Admiralty Island. Inasmuch as Black Bears are not known to exist on Admiralty Island, these have been set aside.

For the others your account is credited as follows:
2 adult males (Taku River and Seal Bay) \$18 each; 2 females from Pybus Bay, \$10 each; 1 female from Tenakee Inlet, \$8; 1 adult skull from Hawk Inlet (badly shattered), \$5; in all \$69, a check for which will be sent you shortly from the Smithsonian Institution.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

November 7, 1919.

Taylor, Drury, Reular & Co.,
Whitehorse, Yukon.

The 11 Bear skulls mentioned in your letter of September 11 reached the Biological Survey in due course, but the subsequent shipment referred to has not yet arrived.

Of the 11 skulls in question 2 are Black Bears which I do not care for, but for which I have credited your account \$1 each. For the others, the 2 cubs are entered at \$4 each; the 5 females at \$8 each; and the 2 adult males at \$18 each; in all \$86, a check for which will be sent you from my account in the Smithsonian Institution in the near future.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

November 7, 1919.

Dear Preble:

Thanks for your letter of the 1st inst. reporting on the Bear skulls received during the month of October. As I have held my account back exactly a week waiting for this statement, you may be sure it is most welcome.

Charles Steen of Iliamna is not among my correspondents, and I have no word from him.

Dr. W. W. Council of Cordova has been sending me skulls at intervals for some years, and I am always glad to get something more from his region.

You tell me that Stanley Jewett, one of Dr. Fisher's men, has just sent in a skull of an old male Bear from Meadow Creek, Idaho, but you leave me in terrible suspense as to whether this is a Grizzly or a Black Bear. Anyhow, we are glad to have the specimen, and if it is a Grizzly the skin will be particularly desirable.

We have had several rains of late which may be interpreted as a hint that field work in the northern part of the state will have to be brought to a conclusion in the near future. I am therefore starting north again this afternoon, and hope to finish before the next storm arrives. After that I hope to do some work in the south before returning to Washington.

I will try to get back about the middle of December, but am not sure that I can do this. However, it will not be necessary to send me any more detailed reports on skulls received, as it will do no particular harm for them to go over until my return. Several lots are still overdue, the most important apparently being the one from Harry Garber of Hudson Hope.

Thanking you for the trouble you have taken in sending these monthly reports, and with best wishes,

Very truly yours,

Original Defective

November 13, 1919.

Mr. Louis Chevrolet,
C/o Munroe Motor Company,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

My dear Sir:

You may remember me as the man you met in Washington, D. C., in the early spring of 1913, and who purchased one of your Chevrolet Big-6 cars.

In this car I crossed the continent from Washington to California in 1913 and again in 1914, and have driven the car in all forty thousand miles, and am still driving it. In all this time I have found only three weak spots in the car: the oiling system, the bevel-gear ring, and the rear axles. Four different people (including myself) who had never before driven an automobile learned to drive in this car--enough to ruin most any ordinary car. Besides this, the car has held up wonderfully and taken an unspeakable amount of punishment on all kinds of desert roads and rough mountain roads--and is still in the ring.

My particular object in writing you just now is to ask a few questions about the American-6, and if you are willing to answer them on the accompanying slip (either with or without your signature) I shall appreciate the favor. This is for my personal information, not for publication, as I expect to purchase a new and lighter car in the near future.

With best wishes for your continued success,

CHM:MG

Very truly yours,

W. H. Munroe

1. Is the American-6 as good a car to stand up and as free from shop repairs as the Buick-6 and the Chandler?
2. Is she as free from heating and as good a mountain climber as the Buick?
3. In case I purchase an American-6, do you advise adding a magneto?
4. Are there any other things you would advise adding to make the car more efficient?
5. Would it pay to wait until later for impending improvements?

November 13, 1919.

Mr. B. H. Mace,
Willows, Calif.

Dear Mr. Mace:

On returning from a recent field trip in the northern part of the state I find your letter of October 24, forwarded from Washington.

It is mighty hard to answer Mrs. Mace's question about Indian customs that still exist, for the reason that very little has been published except in technical ethnological volumes or journals. Of my own papers I have duplicates of only a couple here, and therefore cannot help her much. I am sending these, with one or two other things that may interest you, by this mail.

And after straining my memory I do not think of any non-technical books on the customs of California Indians that are likely to be found in local libraries. The most comprehensive work is one by Stephen Powers published in 1877 under the title 'Tribes of California.' This is a big quarto volume long since out of print and therefore not easily accessible. A man named Jeremiah Curtin published some years ago a book on myths of the Wintoon and Yahna Indians, but I do not know where a copy can be had except in the Berkeley Ethnological Library. In 1910 I published a book entitled 'The Dawn of the World, Weird Tales of the Mewan Indians of California.' This was printed by the A. H. Clark Company of Cincinnati, but I have only one copy here and do not know how to get another except from the publisher. Barrett, Dixon, Goddard,

B.H.M.--2.

Kroeber, and several others have published a lot about the various tribes but mainly or wholly technical, and so far as I remember no popular work.

I assume that Mrs. Mace's field is exclusively California. If not, I could do better for her, as some of the general works, particularly those of George Bird Grinnell, are most interesting and written in popular form. A number of tribes in various parts of the state, including those of McCloud, Klamath, and Trinity Rivers, still adhere to many of their primitive customs, and still hold annual ceremonies, commonly called 'dances'.

Now, it is my turn to ask you something. Some of the Paskenta Indians (Andrew Freeman and others) are anxious to obtain allotments or patents within the California National Forest, 10 or 12 miles west of Paskenta and north of Bears Den. They say the place they would like to get into is in or near Henderson Canyon. The place is not very near any wagon road. You of course know whether or not such a thing would be possible.

As I told you on our trip in the California Forest when you were so kind and helpful to Vernon Bailey, Dr. Stephens, and myself, I should be very glad if you would let me know when you are in San Francisco, if you are ever there during the time of year when I am at Lagunitas. We are on the north side of Mt. Tamalpais, only 25 miles from the City. I expect to be here two or three weeks longer, though I am away on trips a good deal of the time. If I knew when you were coming I would be sure to be here.

Please give my kind regards to Mrs. Mace, and tell her I regret that I cannot give her more of the information she needs. If the date of her talk is still at some distance I might be able to learn something more that will be helpful.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

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November 13, 1919.

H. S. Crocker Company,
565 Market St.,
San Francisco, Calif.

Enclosed is a bill from you received this morning for 1,000 sheets of English Bond, for which I paid cash at time of purchase on the 5th inst., and for which I hold your receipt. The receipt is signed "H. S. Crocker Co. Inc. Per C.M.L. Cashier." The clerk who sold me the paper will remember the transaction. The receipt was first handed me without specifying what the payment was for. I handed it back and had it endorsed: "1,000 sheets Eng. Bond blue as sample."

Respectfully,

C. M. L. Cashier

CHM:MG

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November 13, 1919.

Mr. P. A. Taverner,
Canadian Geological Survey,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Mr. Taverner:

Your letter of October 29 forwarded from Washington reaches me on my return from a field trip in northern California. Before this, you have learned that I am on the west coast and therefore not able to take part in the present meeting of the A.O.U.

Owing to the shortness of an old man's memory and the great distance between California and my ornithological notes, it is impossible for me to answer your question about Comeau's record of the Steller Eider on the Gulf of St. Lawrence. However, most of Comeau's birds were examined by me personally, and in the case of those of difficult identity were submitted to Ridgway, so that the records as published by me in the 'Auk' are I think pretty sound. One I remember particularly was that of the tropical Virio, which was pronounced by Ridgway as unquestionably a straggler of this species.

The letter books in the possession of the Biological Survey show my correspondence with Comeau in respect to numerous records, and should be consulted for details, as my memory is not to be relied upon.

With best wishes and regrets that I could not meet you and others at the New York meeting.

CHM:MG

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November 13, 1919.

Mr. W. B. Stratton, Vice-President
Curtiss Aeroplane & Motor Corporation,
918 Munsey Building,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Many thanks for your invitation of November 1 to inspect and fly in the new Curtiss 'Eagle' at Bolling Field on the 10th inst. Unfortunately for this, I am on the opposite side of the continent, and do not expect to return until late in December.

Thanking you for your courtesy in the matter,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

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November 13, 1919.

Mr. J. Rowley, Director
Oakland Public Museum,
Oakland, Calif.

Dear Mr. Rowley:

Your letter of the 1st inst., forwarded from Washington, reaches me here at Lagunitas on my return from field work in the northern part of the state.

Our friend Simson is certainly most energetic as well as generous, and it will be a good thing of course to have a series of African big game animals on exhibition in the Bay Region.

I hope your city authorities will furnish the greatly needed building.

I have by no means forgotten the Bear skulls which you and Mr. Simson so kindly loaned me, but have been holding them in order to compare with a larger series, as skulls from the Stikine region are constantly coming in. I hope to complete this work on my return to Washington this winter.

Have been intending all summer to call on you and on the people at the Berkeley Museum, but have been so busy with field work that I have not yet been able to visit either Berkeley or Oakland. Hope to do this however before my return.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

November 13, 1919.

Mr. Ernest T. Seton,
Greenwich, Conn.

Dear Seton:

Owing to the obstacle of distance it is impracticable for me to accept your kind invitation to spend tonight with you at your Greenwich home.

I have just returned from a trip among the Wintoon Indians of McCloud River and find your letter of the 4th inst. awaiting attention.

With best wishes to you and your family,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

November 13, 1919.

Mr. S. W. Allen,
Yreka, Calif.

My dear Sir:

Again I am obliged to you for the additional geographic information, and acknowledge with thanks yours of the 5th inst. giving me the asked-for facts about the several forks of Salmon River.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

November 13, 1919.

Mr. E. B. Gardner,
San Geronimo, Calif.

Dear Mr. Gardner:

In view of your verbal reply to my letter of the 2nd inst. concerning a bill for water rent recently received from the San Geronimo Water Co. telling me that the previous bill (paid July 5 of this year) was for the year July 1, 1918 to July 1, 1919, and the present bill in advance for the year July 1, 1919 to July 1, 1920, I am enclosing check for \$12 in payment of the latter.

I shall be very much obliged if you will kindly send me receipts for both years, as no receipt was sent me for the check of July 5.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

November 13, 1919.

Dear Arch:

The family arrived last night looking as if you had given them plenty to eat.

They tell me that the new bookcase looks fine and that I am indebted to you for it in the sum of \$10, which is herewith enclosed, with thanks for your trouble in the matter. Don't see how I can get it up here unless the Johnson Gear Works get into action pretty soon or you pack it up on your back, as my back is not yet in condition for such an undertaking.

I tried to phone the gear company when in the City the other day, but learned that it was a holiday and no one to answer the phone. If sometime when convenient you will kindly repeat the old question I shall be obliged.

Had a pretty successful trip up north in spite of the cold weather and the obstacle of inconvenient railroad traffic. Am still writing up notes from the trip and shall be for several days more.

When you have nothing better to do, drop up and see us-- weather fine here, plenty cold nights.

As ever,

Mr. Arch Gilbert,
411 Mills Building,
San Francisco, Calif.

November 14, 1919.

Dear Miss Clemence:

Your letter of the 13th from San Jose has just arrived, and we all are glad to hear from you again and to know that we are likely to see you in the near future.

But what on earth has become of the Soledad and San Antonio Mission Records? Surely they must be somewhere.

Are you quite sure you have finished with the Mission Records? Of course the San Antonio and Soledad ones are still in existence, and how about Mission Dolores at San Francisco, and the Sonoma and San Rafael Records? I am not sure that there is anything at San Rafael but surely there must be a good deal of interest at Sonoma--or wherever the Sonoma Records are kept.

Zenaida will try to connect with you by phone on Sunday as she is going to Alameda Saturday night, and hopes to bring you back with her Monday morning. Then we can talk over the Christmas turkey business and other odds and ends that may come up.

Very truly yours,

Miss Stella Clemence,
Hotel Bancroft,
Berkeley, Calif.

E. Hart Merriam

November 14, 1919.

Prof. Frank M. Conser, Superintendent
Sherman Institute,
Riverside, Calif.

My dear Professor Conser:

If you are willing I shall be glad to visit your school on my way east sometime in December, in order to check up previous vocabulary material and possibly to obtain some additions.

If you will let me do this, will you kindly write me what tribes are represented at the school this fall so that I may know what vocabularies to bring.

During the season now coming to a close I have done a good deal of work among various tribes, but have been disappointed at the remarkable scarceness of Indian children. On my last trip however I found at Tehama an intelligent Indian named Joe Brown with whom I discussed the child and school question. He or his friends have three children, a boy and two girls, running from 10 to 15 years of age, whom he would be glad to have enjoy the benefits of the Riverside School if this is practicable. I told him I would speak to you about it.

With kind regards to Mrs. Conser, in which Mrs. Merriam and my daughter join,

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

E. Hart Merriam

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November 18, 1919.

Mr. W. I. Adams, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Adams:

Replying to your letter of the 13th inst. this moment
received, would say that the error in the Mackay & Dippie account
is ours. The statement should have read "4 Black Bear skulls at
\$1.50" (instead of 6), \$6.

Regretting the error,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

November 18, 1919.

Most Reverend Edward J. Hanna,
1100 Franklin St.,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sir:

This will introduce my assistant, Miss Clemence, who for several years past has been engaged in collecting information concerning the rancherias mentioned in the Mission Records and old Spanish Archives. Through your courtesy and that of Bishop Cantwell of Los Angeles she has spent the past three months in working with the originals of the old Mission Records of all of the southern Missions including those as far north as Monterey, Santa Cruz, and San Juan Bautista.

She was not able to find the records for San Antonio and Soledad which we had supposed to be at Monterey. Do you know where these are?

The only others she has not seen are those of San Francisco Dolores, San Jose, and San Rafael. These I believe are under your personal custodianship. If you will kindly allow Miss Clemence to examine them, I should greatly appreciate the courtesy. And if you can give us any information as to the whereabouts of the San Antonio and Soledad Records we will be greatly obliged.

After these have been examined our work will be completed, and I wish to express to you personally my high appreciation of the rare privilege you have been the means of according us in this work.

E.J.H.--2.

It may be of interest to you to know that in my personal field work during the past three months, I have succeeded in locating and obtaining the names from living Indians of 264 rancherias on Klamath River and its tributaries, distributed among five tribes.

Again thanking you for your kindness in permitting us to use the old Mission Records, and with best wishes,

Very truly yours,

E. J. Hanna

CHM:MG

November 24, 1919.

Mr. T. Gilbert Pearson,
1974 Broadway,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Pearson:

Your letter of November 17, forwarded from Washington, has just reached me. I am glad to know that you have sent me a copy of your 'The Birds of North Carolina', which I shall be glad to see on my return to Washington, and for which I am very much obliged.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

November 24, 1919.

Mr. W. I. Adams, Accountant,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Adams:

Miss Stella Clemence has just finished her work with the original Spanish Records of the old California Missions, and is returning East. Before settling down for work in Washington she is going to her former home in Rhode Island for a few days, and requests that her salary check for November be sent to her at 167 Harrison St., Providence, R. I.

I returned last evening from another successful field trip to the north. The weather still holds fine, but the country is dry and everyone will welcome a rain.

Kindly send November pay checks for Miss Gandy and myself to Lagunitas. We expect to return to Washington about the middle of December.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

November 24, 1919.

Marsh & Company,
712 Market St.,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Marsh:

On the morning of November 11, I gave one of the men in your establishment a single roll of No. 2 Brownie film, to be developed and printed as usual, but up to date have not received any return. Can you have the thing looked up?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

November 24, 1919.

Miss M. C. Dickerson,
American Museum of Natural History,
New York City.

My dear Miss Dickerson:

On returning last evening from field work in the northern part of the state, I find your letter among the big batch of unanswered mail.

Owing to the urgency of writing up my notes while still fresh, and the necessity for taking the field again as soon as possible before bad weather sets in, I am forced to decline your kind invitation to write an article on the California redwoods. I should be glad to write this article if I had time, but looking ahead I do not see any possibility of doing so.

With regrets, and best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

November 24, 1919.

Mr. D. M. Riordan,
525 Market St.,
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Mr. Riordan:

On returning last evening from another trip to the north,
I find your letter of the 5th inst. awaiting attention.

Mrs. Merriam and I regret very much having missed an
opportunity to see Marie, but fear she has returned to Santa
Barbara.

Zenaida has left us to visit her sister Dorothy until
our return to Washington.

I hope to go to the City within a week, and will
certainly make an effort to connect with you.

With best wishes from us both,

As ever yours,

CHM:MG

C. Hart Merriam

November 24, 1919.

Mr. J. Frank Callbreath,
Telegraph Creek, B. C.

My dear Sir:

On returning from a field trip to my summer home at
Lagunitas, I find the record of game killed in Cassiar District
during the past season. This is of very great interest to me,
and I thank you very much for your kindness in sending it.

Please bear in mind that I am still anxious to secure
as many skulls of adult Grizzlies as possible, particularly those
of old males, from your region.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

November 24, 1919.

Mr. Charles A. Allen,
San Geronimo, Calif.

Dear Mr. Allen:

On reaching home last night after a trip to the north, I find your kind letter of the 18th inst. and also the apples you were good enough to send.

I should have seen you long ago but for the unfortunate complication in regard to our car. More than a month ago the bevel gear ring in the differential suddenly lost some teeth, and was sent to the Gear Works in San Francisco to be duplicated. Unfortunately, the machinists were on a strike, and as the workman have not yet returned I am still short a car. This will explain why Mrs. Merriam and I have not called on you and Mrs. Allen to take you for a drive to Nicasio Valley and one or two other places we had in mind. We are not yet sure as to whether or not the new gear will be made before our return to Washington. If we have the car again, we shall surely call on you. If not, you will know the reason why.

Thanking you again for your kindness in the matter of the apples, in which Mrs. M. joins,

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

November 24, 1919.

Dear Doctor Stephens:

Last evening I returned from my last trip in the northern part of Sacramento valley, coming all the way from Chico to San Francisco by electric trolley lines--a new and interesting route for me.

For the next few days I shall be busy writing up notes from the recent trip, after which I shall be glad to arrange with you for a brief trip south.

Zenaida has already left us and will be with our daughter Dorothy until our return.

With love to you all,

Hastily yours,

Dr. W. Barclay Stephens,
1250 Bay St.,
Alameda, Calif.

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November 24, 1919.

My dear Mr. Conser:

Very many thanks for your letter of the 21st inst. giving me the privilege of again visiting your school.

The application blanks you enclosed I am forwarding by today's mail to Joe Brown of Tehama, who spoke to me about the children in question.

But you have not given me enough information about the students now in your school to enable me to take such vocabularies as I am likely to need there. You say you have representatives of most of the California Indians, including Digger, Piute, and Mission. This does not help me, for the reason that many tribes speaking widely different languages are embraced under these names. I have some 120 vocabularies of California languages and dialects. These weigh more than a hundred pounds and would fill a trunk, so that it would be impracticable to take the whole lot. If however you can furnish me more specific information, I will know just which vocabularies to take. If you can give me without too much trouble the home locality of the California and Nevada children in your school, I will know just which vocabularies to bring.

With kind regards, and many thanks for your prompt reply,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Prof. F. M. Conser, Superintendent
Sherman Institute,
Riverside, Calif.

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November 24, 1919.

Mr. Joe Brown,
Tehama, Calif.

Dear Sir:

On reaching my home at Lagunitas I wrote to F. M. Conser, Superintendent of Sherman Institute, the Indian school at Riverside, telling him that you knew of two or three children who might like to apply for admission to this school.

In reply he has sent me three copies of a blank application which I am enclosing to you herewith.

I will write you again later when I learn the possibilities of getting lands in the California National Forest.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

November 24, 1919.

Mr. Charles S. Sloane,
Bureau of Census,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Sloane:

Herewith I am enclosing a letter from William L. Ostrom, requesting a change of name of Olean Creek to Pleasant River, one from M. O. Leighton, Chairman of the National Service Committee, asking for information about the Board (which you can answer much better than I can), and one from John Bolton requesting reports of the Board.

Returned last night from a trip to the north, and shall soon be moving south to complete the field work of the season. Hope to be back in Washington about the middle of December.

Thanks for your recent letter notifying me of my re-election as Chairman of the U.S. Geographic Board.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

November 24, 1919.

Mr. William L. Ostrom,
213 North Union St.,
Olean, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

On returning from field work in northern California, I find your letter, forwarded from Washington, relating to the proposed change of name of Olean Creek to Pleasant River.

Owing to my absence in California, I am forwarding your letter to Mr. Chas. S. Sloane, Secretary, U.S. Geographic Board, Census Office, Washington, D. C. Mr. Sloane will refer the matter to the Board.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam
Chairman, U.S. Geographic Board

November 24, 1919.

Mr. M. O. Leighton, Chairman
National Service Committee,
McLachlen Building,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 18th inst. forwarded from Washington, would say that if you will communicate with Mr. Charles S. Sloane, Secretary of the U.S. Geographic Board, whose address is Bureau of Census, Washington, D. C., you will obtain the information asked for concerning the U.S. Geographic Board.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -
Chairman, U.S. Geographic Board

CHM:MG

November 24, 1919.

Prof. B. W. Evermann, Director
Calif. Academy of Sciences,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Professor Evermann:

On returning from a trip to the northern part of Sacramento valley, I find your letter of the 19th asking for two copies each of my various papers on Bears.

I take pleasure in sending you herewith duplicate copies of such of these as I have here at Lagunitas, and will try to complete the lot when I return to Washington next month. One or two of the earlier papers however I may not be able to furnish. Am not sure about this.

I expect to see you at the Museum in the not distant future.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

CHM:MG

Since dictating above, find no separate of Bear papers except the one describing 14 spotted new ones. So am sending a few other things & will send to Rome from Washington.

November 27, 1919.

Father P. Triana,

Pala, Calif.

My dear Sir:

Several months ago a friend at the University of California sent me clippings from the Gilroy Advocate of October 26, October 27, and November 3, 1917, and of the Hollister Advance of January 9, 1918, containing reprints from the Hollister Advocate of parts of Chapters 6, 7, and 16 of your 'History of Old Mission at San Juan Bautista'.

These articles of yours interested me greatly, and I at once wrote to the Editor of the Hollister Advance to see if it were possible to purchase the numbers of his paper containing the complete series. Unfortunately, he replied that he had no more copies, but thought that the articles would be reprinted in book form. I then inquired through the book stores in San Francisco and was told that they had not been republished.

My assistant, Miss Stella Clemence, has been at work for a long time on the Old Mission Records, which through the courtesy of Archbishop Hanna and Bishop Cantwell we have been permitted to examine. On October 3, last, Father Dominick was kind enough to take Miss Clemence to call on you at Pala. She spoke to you about our interest in your articles, and you were good enough to say that you might still be able to supply some of them.

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I am writing to express my appreciation of your courtesy, and to assure you that I should prize very highly as complete a set of these articles as you are able to spare. They would be of much help to us in our study of the Mission Indians in the early days.

Trusting that I may have the good fortune to hear from you,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

P.S. Please address such of the articles as you can spare me to Dr. C. Hart Merriam, 1919 Sixteenth St., Washington, D. C., as I expect to return to Washington in the near future.

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Mr. Louis Chevrolet, President
Frontenac Motor Company,
Indianapolis, Ind.

November 27, 1919.

Dear Mr. Chevrolet:

Your letter of November 21, in reply to mine of the 13th, is at hand, and I wish to thank you for your courtesy in replying so promptly.

For some time I have been familiar with the records of the splendid performances of your Frontenac racing car, and am delighted to know that you are about to build a Frontenac touring car. I am much interested in this, and shall be very glad to receive your literature on the subject when ready. My permanent address is 1919 Sixteenth St., Washington, D. C.

Ever since I learned to drive your Chevrolet Big-6 in the spring of 1914, I have had unlimited confidence in your skill as an automobile engineer, and have always felt that anyone might be proud to own a car that you had had full swing in designing, building, and improving from year to year; and I might add that during the seven years in which I have driven your Big-6, nothing has happened to in any way shake that confidence. And I have felt that had you been permitted to stay by the car, it would today hold a place higher than that now held by the Cadillac.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

C. Hart Murrian -

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November 27, 1919.

Marsh & Company,
712 Market St.,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Marsh:

Thanks for the six negatives and five prints of a mountain on McCloud River, which have just been received from you. The negatives seem to be very good, but the prints, alas, are like too many that have been sent me this year. Just what such prints are supposed to be good for is beyond me.

I am returning the negatives and prints herewith, in the hope that you will give the matter your personal attention.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

C. Hart Murrian -

November 27, 1919.

Dear Sheldon:

Your card of November 20 arrived this morning. Miss Clemence, who has been working with the old Spanish Mission Records all summer, has just returned East, and will be in my office in the Northumberland probably in the course of a week or ten days. She was here a few days ago and I asked her what she knew about the present status of Bolton's book on Kino. She said that it was in page proof but that something seemed to be holding it up--she didn't know exactly what. I had not heard of its appearance, but will make inquiry.

I am just back from the last of a series of field trips in the northern part of the state, in the course of which I have succeeded in collecting a rather surprisingly large amount of material, which I hope to show you in the not distant future. On one camping trip with the car we drove a thousand miles, and visited some of the most interesting mountain valleys in the state.

We are now beginning to think of packing and moving south to do a little work among certain Indians before returning. Hope to reach Washington in the neighborhood of December 20, but can't tell exactly.

With love to Mrs. Sheldon and the children, in which Elizabeth joins.

As ever yours,

Mr. Charles Sheldon,
3102 Q St.,
Washington, D. C.

November 27, 1919.

Mr. Santa Wilson,
Chico, Calif.

My dear Sir:

When at your place a few days ago, I promised to send Eva and your grandchildren a few beads. I am sending them by this mail, and they should reach you within a couple of days.

Hoping that the sick man is better, and that you will all keep well this winter,

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG



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November 30, 1919.

Postmaster,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

On and after receipt of this letter, kindly deliver to the Northumberland Apartment (New Hampshire Ave. & V St.) all mail addressed to Dr. or Mrs. C. Hart Merriam and Miss Zenaida Merriam, 1919 Sixteenth St.

Letter mail addressed as above has been forwarded during the summer to Lagunitas, Calif., which place we are leaving in a few days.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

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November 27, 1919.

I shall be obliged if you will kindly change the
address of (magazine) from Lagunitas, Marin County, California,
back to 1919 Sixteenth St., Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

C. HART MERRIAM

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Rod & Gun in Canada
Boonville Herald
Game Breeder
Am. Forestry Magazine
Journal Washington Acad. Science
Outers Recreation Magazine
Outing
Motor
Literary Digest
Outlook
Dearborn Independent
Science
American Motorist
Good House Keeping

December 2, 1919.

Mr. W. I. Adams, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Adams:

Herewith is my November expense account, amounting to \$246.13. Kindly send check to me at the Northumberland, as I hope to arrive in Washington between the 15th and 20th.

In this account are two absences of Pullman tickets. In one case the ticket given me was a blank lacking both destination and amount paid; in the other case, the amount was paid the conductor and no ticket was received.

Another matter requiring explanation is the different amounts paid for fare from Lagunitas to San Francisco. There are two trains, an all-steam and a combination of steam and electric, having different fares. The round-trip tickets also are different. This is in explanation of what seems to be a foolish discrepancy.

There is no automobile bill for November, for the reason that the new parts to supply those broken in October have not come back from San Francisco, owing to the strike of steel workers. They will probably be received in time for the December account.

Very truly yours,



CHM:MG

C. Hart Merriam

Northumberland Apartment, Washington, D. C.

Expense Account for November 1919

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Nov.

4-6	Trip to San Francisco & San Rafael:		
	Fare, Lagunitas-San Francisco	.65	
	Hotel Plaza (Nov. 4-5) room & telephones	4.25	1
	Streetcar fares	.40	
	Fare, San Francisco-San Rafael (1/2 round trip)	.27	
	Room, San Rafael (Nov. 5-6)	1.00	
	Fare, San Rafael-Lagunitas	.40	
	Meals Nov. 4-6	4.75	
		11.72	
5	H. S. Crocker Co., 1M sheets blue Eng. bond		2 11 72
			4 00
7-11	Trip to McCloud River:		
7	Fare, San Rafael-San Francisco (1/2 return)	.27	
	Fare, San Francisco-Pit station (S.P.)	8.26	
	Sleeper, San Francisco-Pit	1.62	3
	Supper	1.25	
8	Breakfast on diner	1.25	
	Auto bus, Pit-Hancock	.43	
	Stage, Hancock-Baird	.25	
	Winton Indians, services in vocabulary work	2.00	
9	Winton Indians (Brock & wife) services in vocabulary work	5.00	
10	Hotel Baird, room & board from lunch Nov. 8 to ldg. night Nov. 9-10	5.25	4

	Stage, Baird-Hancock	.25		
	Auto bus, Hancock-Pit	.43		
	RR fare Pit-Tehama (S.P.)	2.22		
	RR fare Tehama-San Francisco (S.P.)	6.10		
	Seat, Pullman	1.62		
	Meals	3.50		
11	Sutter Hotel, room night Nov. 10-11	2.50	5	
	Meals	1.50		
	Fare, San Francisco-San Rafael (1/2 return)	.27		
	Fare, San Rafael-Lagunitas	.40		
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10-12	Trip to Berkeley by asst. M. Gandy:			
	Fare, Lagunitas-Berkeley & ret.	1.45		
	Meals, 3 days @ \$1.50	4.50		
		5.95		5 95
12	Stamps & stamped envelopes 1.43; pencils & thread .30c			1 73
18-23	Trip to Chico:			
18	Fare, Lagunitas-San Francisco (steam train)	.86		
	Supper	1.25		
19	Hotel Whitcomb, lodging	3.00	6	
	Streetcar fares	.15		
	Fare, San Francisco-Chico (S.P.)	5.78		
	Seat, Pullman	1.05		
	Bus, Chico	.10		

	Meals en route	3.00		
20	Hotel Park (Chico), lodging	1.00	7	
	Indian Amanda Wilson (Mitchopdo), services in vocabulary work	3.50		
	Meals	3.00		
21	Indian Amanda Wilson \$2; another Indian \$1, for services in vocabulary work	3.00		
22	Hotel Oaks, Chico, room Nov. 20-22	5.00	8	
	Fare, Chico-San Francisco (electric roads)	5.51		
	Meals	3.00		
23	Hotel Whitcomb (San Francisco), lodging	3.00	9	
	Streetcar fares	.25		
	Meals	3.00		
	Fare, San Francisco-Lagunitas	.65		
		45.10		46 10
28	2 telephone calls (30¢ each)			60
30	Trip to San Francisco:			
	Fare, Lagunitas-San Francisco & return	1.15		
	Streetcar fares	.30		
	Sanborn-Vail & Co., 2 brushes for coloring maps	1.45		1 45
				25

Field Expenses of Stella Clemence in working on
Old Mission Records:

3	Commercial Hotel (San Luis Obispo), room & board from lunch Oct. 31 to breakfast Nov. 3, incl. 3 days @ \$3.25	9.75	10
	Fare, San Luis Obispo-San Miguel	1.67	
	Lunch	.75	
4	Park Hotel (San Miguel), room & board from dinner Nov. 3 to lunch Nov. 4, incl., Fare, San Miguel-Monterey	2.30	11
	Dinner	3.78	
5	Monterey, meals	1.00	
6-9	Monterey, meals 4 days (Nov. 6-9 incl.) @ \$2	2.25	
9	Hotel Monterey, room, Nov. 4-9	8.00	12
	Fare, Monterey-Santa Cruz	10.00	
		1.51	
11	Hotel St. George (Santa Cruz), room & board from ldg. Nov. 9 to dinner Nov. 11	8.00	13
	Fare, Santa Cruz-San Jose	1.52	
12	San Jose, meals	2.00	
13	San Jose, breakfast .50; lunch .75	1.25	
	Carfare to Santa Clara Nov. 12 & 13	.20	
	Hotel Montgomery (San Jose), room Nov. 12-13	4.00	14

13	Fare, San Jose-San Juan Bautista	1.08	
17	Hotel Mission (San Juan Bautista) room & board from dinner Nov. 13 to breakfast Nov. 17	11.25	15
	Fare, San Juan Bautista-Berkeley	2.22	
18	Fare, Berkeley-Lagunitas & return	2.03	
24	Ferry & carfares, Berkeley-San Francisco & return Nov. 19-24, incl., (5 days) while working on records of Mission Dolores, @ .40¢	2.00	
	Meals Nov. 19-24 (5 days) @ \$2	10.00	
25	Associated Students' Store, rental of typewriter Sept. 30-Nov. 30	8.00	16
	Sleeper, San Francisco to Washington	18.90	
	Pullman porters	1.00	
	Meals en route	14.00	
	Baggage out, Berkeley	1.00	
	Baggage, Washington	.50	
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December 2, 1919.

Dear Miss Clemence:

Herewith I am enclosing check for \$46.54 in payment of your terminal expenses and trip back to Washington.

Miss Gandy is leaving San Francisco in the morning, and will reach Washington shortly after the arrival of this letter. Please supply her with work until my return. In case your summer material is not ready, you might get her to work on the County Histories not already read. There must be a number of these in the Congressional Library or in some of the other Washington libraries. One thing I happen to think of just now is that so far as I remember, we have never taken out the account of the Hay Fork Massacre, which is said to be in the History of Trinity County.

I have good news from Southern California as to the outlook for additional vocabulary material, and expect to pull south in the very near future, and hope to reach Washington by or before December 20.

If my expense account check from the Smithsonian reaches the Northumberland before I do, please put in one of the safes until my return.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

Miss Stella Clemence,
Northumberland Apartment,
Washington, D. C.

C. Hart Merriam

December 2, 1919.

Mr. Emanuel Ericksson,

Portland, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

My Review of the Grizzly and Big Brown Bears was published by the U.S. Biological Survey, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. I have no extra copies here in California, but if you will address a letter to the Chief of the Biological Survey, you can undoubtedly secure a copy.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

C. Hart Merriam

December 2, 1919.

Mr. Edwin W. Cooper,
Darien, Conn.

My dear Mr. Cooper:

Your letter of November 19, forwarded from Washington, has reached me here at my summer home in California, where I am still at work.

I am glad to hear from you and to know that you are taking a little vacation--something that undoubtedly will do you good.

Yes, the mammals you saw bearing my name in the American Museum of Natural History are species described by me.

I have spent most of the summer and fall among various tribes of Indians, and have collected a very large amount of new material--something to be thankful for, as many of the tribes are on the verge of extinction. In a few days I am going to Southern California to collect additional vocabulary material from several other tribes.

The American-6 of which you speak has just reached California, and we have recently seen both touring cars and limousines. I think I shall purchase an American-touring on my return to Washington.

Hoping you have secured the best kind of a job, and with best wishes,

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

Dec, 6, 1919

My dear Mrs Dickey (Pasadena, Calif)

Many thanks for your kind invitation to visit you and Donald on our way home. We had planned to drop in on you and were wondering if we should find you at home.

Zenaida has already returned and is with her married sister Dorothy in Cambridge, while Mrs Merriam and I are packing and hope to pull out on Monday--or at latest, Tuesday.

We must spend a couple of days in the Bay Cities before moving south, which should bring us to Los Angeles in the neighborhood of Thursday the 11th. I have some work to do in Southern California but cannot tell now whether it will be best to do this before or after seeing you. So if I may leave the date a little uncertain, you may expect a call sometime between Thursday and Sunday. ^{probably Sunday} But it must be only a call this time as I have much to do in the short interval between now and Christmas, and we have promised to spend Christmas with Dorothy in Cambridge, stopping of course in Washington on the way.

It will be a great joy to see you both and to have the long deferred pleasure of a glimpse into Donald's Museum.

Mrs Merriam joins me in kindest regards to you both and may go with me to see you.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 24, 1919.

Mr. A. Bonaiti, Postmaster,
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Mr. W. I. Adams, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Adams:

Enclosed herewith is the voucher of T. A.
Dickson, Kluane, Yukon, containing the details requested
by you in your letter of December 22.

Very truly yours,

C. HART MERRIAM

Per

January 2, 1920.

Col. G. B. Pillsbury,
Office of Chief of Engineers,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I very much regret that owing to my absence from Washington, I have only just received your communication dated September 15, 1919, enclosing a photocopy of the chart of Washington Harbor, and requesting the approval of the U.S. Geographic Board of the names 'Columbia Island' and 'Boundary Run' for the new island and adjacent channel.

The matter will be laid before the Board at its next meeting, and you will be promptly notified of the action taken.

Respectfully,

C. H. Merriam
Chairman, U.S. Geographic Board

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January 2, 1920.

P. C. Harris, The Adjutant General,
War Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your communication of December 18, addressed to the Chairman, U.S. Geographic Board, would state that there are no employees of any kind in the Geographic Board.

Respectfully,

C. H. Merriam
Chairman, U.S. Geographic Board

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January 2, 1920.

Mr. Charles S. Sloane, Secretary
U.S. Geographic Board,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Sloane:

On looking over my accumulated mail, I was pained to discover the enclosed letter and map from Col. G. B. Pillsbury, Office of Chief of Engineers, requesting the approval of the U.S. Geographic Board to the names 'Columbia Island' and 'Boundary Run' for recently established features in Washington Harbor. A copy of my reply is also enclosed herewith, and I shall be obliged if you will lay the matter before the Executive Committee at its next meeting.

The explanation of the circumstance that the letter and map were not forwarded to me at Lagunitas is that they were enclosed in a very large manila envelope, which was put in my office along with paper and document mail.

With best wishes for the New Year,

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

January 3, 1919.

Mr. W. I. Adams, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Adams:

Having finally reached Washington after the summer in California, I have made out my expense account for December, amounting to \$191.03, and am enclosing the same herewith, together with a bill for office rental at Northumberland Apartment for month of January 1920, \$71.50, with phone, .80.

The vouchers for Bear skulls I will send in later, when I have had time to examine the skulls at the Museum.

I reached Washington December 24, but left the same day for Cambridge to spend Christmas with my married daughter, returning on the 29th. Should have seen you and the Secretary before this, but plumbing troubles in our house and pressure of other matters have caused delay. Hope to see you in a few days.

With greetings of the season, and best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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Northumberland Apartment, Washington, D. C.

Expense Account for December 1919 Subvoucher
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1919			
Dec.			
2-5	Trip to San Francisco, Alameda, & Berkeley:		
2	Lagunitas-San Francisco	.65	
	San Francisco: Supper .85; street cars .15	1.00	
3	Hotel Whitcomb (lodging)	3.00	1
	Meals	3.00	
4	San Francisco-Alameda & street cars	.35	
	Alameda-San Francisco; San Francisco-Berkeley & ret., & street cars	.95	
5	Meals	3.00	
	Hotel Whitcomb (lodging & phone)	3.10	2
	Meals & street cars	2.00	
	San Francisco-Lagunitas (ret. steam train)	1.73	18 78
	Marsh & Co., developing & printing photos		35
8	Lagunitas; Baggage out		75
	Hire man (A. Bonaiti) & car to take boxes of MS & books to express office at San Rafael for shipment (12 miles each way)		
	Supper San Francisco		4 00
9	San Francisco: Baggage		1 00
	San Francisco-Berkeley & ret. & street cars S.F.		50
	Hire of taxi at Berkeley		50
			75

	Meals		3 00
10	Hotel Whitcomb (room 2 days & telegram)	3	7 50
	Street car fares .40; hand baggage .20		60
	Sleeper, San Francisco-Los Angeles	4	2 70
11	Pullman porter		25
	Los Angeles-Pasadena		22
	Street cars & hand baggage		30
12	Riverside: Mission Inn (supper, room & breakfast)	5	5 00
12-17	Board & service at Sherman Indian School from dinner Dec. 12 to breakfast Dec. 17, incl.		8 50
	Paid Indians at Sherman School:		
12	Moapa boy .50; Olancho boy & girl 1.00	1.50	
13	Olancho boy & girl 1.00; Ft. Bidwell		
	Pinto .50	1.50	
15	Lilly French of Las Vegas	1.00	
	Jane Jefferson, Wetchpek	.75	
	Mary & Clarisy Dowd, Wetchpek, .50 each	1.00	
16	Lilly French of Las Vegas	1.00	
	Alice McLellan, Karok	1.00	
	Rose Conrad & Nettie Stephens (Karok)		
	.50 each	1.00	
17	Lucy Smith, Chemeweve	1.00	9 75
	Pullman sleeper, San Bernardino-Chicago		14 04
	Dinner & supper en route		2 00

17-19	Needles, Calif.: Dec. 17-19, Paid Mohave & Chemeweve Indians (Abraham Lincoln, Mary Columbus & mother, Billy Fisher, & others)		9 00
18-19	Needles: Harvey Hotel, meals 2 days @ \$3		6 00
19	Harvey Hotel, room Dec. 17-19	6	6 00
22	Sleeper Chicago-Washington	7	4 86
20-23	Meals en route, 4 days		11 85
24	Washington, baggage in		50
	Express charges pd. Am. Railway Express:		
18	Needles Calif: Pkg. MS to Washington (prepaid)	8	59
16	Washington, D.C.: Expressage & insurance on 4 boxes MS, Indian vocabularies, & books shipped from San Rafael, Calif., Dec. 8	9	25 80
24	Stamped envelopes		1 08
31	Charwoman, housecleaning office Apt., \$2; cleaning office latter half of December \$2.25	10	4 25
	Janitor		1 00

Expenses of Asst. Marie Gandy, California-Washington			
3	Fare, Lagunitas-San Francisco (steam train)	.86	
	Baggage out, Lagunitas	.50	
	Supper	.75	
	San Francisco, Room Hotel Whitcomb	2.60	11
4	Breakfast	.50	
	Sleeper, San Francisco-Washington	18.90	
	Meals en route	14.00	
	Pullman porters	1.00	
	Baggage in, Washington	.50	
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January 5, 1920.

Dear Doctor Stephens:

When traversing Arizona after my stop at Needles, the severe cold from which I had been suffering for exactly 21 days suddenly disappeared, for which I am exceedingly thankful.

I reached Washington December 24, but went on the night of the same day to Boston, and reached my daughter Dorothy's house in Cambridge shortly before noon on Christmas day. Mrs. Merriam and Zenaida were already there, so we had a pleasant family reunion.

Zenaida and I have returned and have opened our house and got things started for the winter. Elizabeth expects to come day after tomorrow.

It is good that your father and mother reached you in time for Christmas, and I hope they came before the railway congestion which delayed all trains on all roads for a number of days, if not weeks. Incidentally, I was a day late in reaching Washington, and late again at Boston.

Glad you have secured blooming specimens of Arctostaphylos andersoni, and hope you will succeed in getting some of A. franciscana.

No, I have not read Smeaton Chase's book entitled 'California Desert Trails'. There is no such genus as Artiflex; doubtless Atriplex was intended. I tried to

W.B.S.--2.

get you a specimen of Ephedra while at Needles, but was unable to find a plant in that vicinity, and I was too busy with Indians to visit the more distant mesas.

Many thanks for the shovel, which arrived in good condition, and will be returned to Lagunitas without difficulty, and may some day help us out of a scrape.

The box of pears which Dr. Reynolds kindly sent Elizabeth has arrived, but I have not opened it, knowing that she will be pleased to do that herself.

The American-6 now has Timkin rear axles and Timkin bearings on both front and rear, along with some other improvements, and it is finished in blue-black. I expect to get one in the near future and try it out well before returning to California in the spring.

With love to you all, and greetings of the season,

As ever yours,

Dr. W. Barclay Stephens,
1250 Bay St.,
Alameda, Calif.

C. Hart Merriam

January 5, 1920.

Dr. Joseph Grinnell,
Museum of Vertebrate Zoology,
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Doctor Grinnell:

Thanks for your letter of December 20, which I found on my return from Cambridge.

Your polite request for an Autobiography to be ready about the middle of April touches a sore point, since for some years I have been pressed for a document of this kind by both the National Academy and the American Philosophical Society, but I have never had time to prepare one, and can clearly see that it will be impossible during the present winter--at least before the middle of April, as I am more than overwhelmed with pressing work.

Thanking you for the invitation however,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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*Greetings of the season to all in your
museum, not forgetting Mrs. Grinnell.*

January 5, 1920.

Mr. Charles A. Gianini,
Poland, N. Y.

My dear Sir:

On returning from California, I find your letter of December 16 awaiting attention. Replying to your inquiries, would say that in my judgment both Ovis nelsoni and O. cremnobates occur on the peninsula of Lower California--at least I have so identified specimens in the Biological Survey Collection.

O. cremnobates is a heavy animal with massive horns of the canadensis and mexicanus style, while O. nelsoni appears to be a lighter species with the horns more slender, paler, and usually more outstanding.

The Antelope of the peninsula differs slightly from that of our Western Plains, and has been described as a subspecies by E. W. Nelson under the name Antilocapra americana peninsularis.

With best wishes for a successful hunt, and with the compliments of the season,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

January 5, 1920.

Mr. Gilbert Grosvenor, Editor
National Geographic Society,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Grosvenor:

On looking over my accumulated mail, I find among a number of matters requiring attention your letter of December 8, notifying me that two copies each of the Society's Dog Book, Flag Book, and Scenes from Every Land had been placed at the disposal of each member of the Board. In accordance with this, I am returning herewith the blank you were good enough to enclose, giving the addresses of persons to whom I should be glad to have these copies sent.

In addition to this, I shall be glad if you will have sent to my office at the Northumberland, to be paid for by me, two copies of the Dog Book, two complete sets of the Pictorial Geography, and one copy of Nelson's 'Wild Animals of North America', with bill for same.

Will you kindly have one of your clerks look over your mailing list to ascertain whether or not Dr. W. Barclay Stephens or his son Bruce of 1250 Bay St., Alameda, Calif., are already members of the Society? If they are not members, I would like to propose the name of Bruce Stephens, and to pay his dues for the year beginning with the January number of the magazine.

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Kindly have bill for all sent to me, and I will remit at once.

Before leaving California I was pleased to receive the copy of your new Pictorial Geography which you were kind enough to send to Lagunitas. I had intended to write you somewhat fully in regard to it, but pressure of field work prevented. The pictures certainly are superb, and the text in the main seems to be correct, although there are some slips which should be corrected in the future editions, and there may possibly be room for improvement in the matter of classification. However, I will try to write you about this later.

With congratulations and best wishes,

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

C. Hart

January 5, 1920.

Mr. P. A. Taverner,
Geological Survey,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Mr. Taverner:

Owing to my unexpectedly delayed return to Washington, I have only just found your letter of December 10, with accompanying manuscript entitled 'The Test of the Species'--the same being a reply to my article recently published in the first number of the 'Journal of Mammalogy'.

I have read your manuscript carefully three or four times and fail to find in it any real argument against the position taken by me. On the contrary, several statements are made that have no bearing on the case, and arguments are introduced against positions which I have never taken.

In the first place, you seem to imply that my position is the result of paleontological bias, or at least that it is based mainly on paleontological evidence or inference. If you will read my article carefully, I think you will find that this is not the case, as I merely introduce the paleontological evidence as one of several entirely distinct arguments, and I quite agree with you that the practical question before us is the handling of related forms as they exist on the surface of the earth today. Nevertheless, the perfectly obvious facts of descent should not be lost sight of.

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In one place you say: "At the most, changes due to evolutionary development, not those caused by our lack of knowledge and understanding, will, during immediate future human experience, amount only to raising a few subspecies to specific rank or the recognizing problematically occurring mutant forms." This is a rather long sentence and embodies at least three entirely distinct ideas, none of which appear to have any bearing on anything said or implied in my paper. And, incidentally, may I ask what you mean by "mutant forms"? Do you know of any such among birds or mammals?

On another page you say: "To deny the existence of the species is to my mind philosophical sophistry." I fully agree with you in this statement. Have I ever said anything to the contrary?

A little farther on you say: "In dealing with modern material we have a fixed horizon--the present time and through it the horse is different from the ass and the Hairy from the Downy Woodpecker." I agree that in dealing with modern material we have a fixed horizon, but what has this to do with the circumstance that the horse is different from the ass--animals so widely apart that some authors have placed them in different genera; and has anyone ever suggested uniting the Hairy and Downy Woodpeckers as subspecies?

In another paragraph you refer to a hypothetical isolating barrier which you incline to regard as "the degree of fertility between groups." Just what this has to do with

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the question I fail to discover, but I do wish to file an emphatic protest against the notion that infertility exists between related species or related groups. On the other hand, accumulated experience with animals in confinement proves that undreamed of fertility exists between widely unrelated species, and in some cases between well established genera. Is not your feeling in this matter based on incomplete recognition of the fact that nature abhors a hybrid, and that hybrids among mammals and birds in a state of nature are extremely rare?

Related to the same subject are your remarks on the Hybrid Flicker. Did it ever occur to you to map the actual breeding distribution of Colaptes auratus and C. cafer collaris? If so, how did you picture the physical getting together of two birds separated by such a broad geographical interval? Would not the possibility of such interbreeding imply the intermediation of some atmospheric or wireless medium at present unknown?

You state that your argument is logical, and that "its application disposes of the larger amount of personal equation." On both of these points I beg to differ, believing that your position is wholly illogical, and that in the shuffling of species and subspecies by the rule of intergradation the personal equation counts much more than by the criterion of differentiation.

P.A.7.--4.

After rereading your article several times, it seems evident that my article has ruffled your preconceived ideas, in consequence of which you have written a protest that in the main has little bearing on the case, and contains little if anything in the way of real argument against the position for which I contend. If you will read my article a little more carefully and then read yours thoughtfully, sentence by sentence, my feeling is that you would not care to publish your reply in its present form.

We agree on so many questions that I regret very much to find that we are so far apart on this one. I have been very frank in my reply, as this seems to me the only way among friends.

With best wishes and greetings of the season,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

P.S. Your manuscript is herewith returned.

January 6, 1920.

Dear Professor Hall:

When you left Colorado you must have pulled in your hole behind you--judging from the circumstance that a seemingly correctly addressed letter mailed by me on September 11 has just been returned from the Dead Letter Office. It is of no particular consequence, but I am sending it nevertheless just to let you know that you were not forgotten during the summer, and that I greatly admired the excellent paper entitled 'Life Zone Indicators' which you and Grinnell brought out under joint authorship.

By this mail I am sending you one of my publications on Chipmunks published more than 22 years ago.

I reached my daughter Dorothy in Cambridge about 11 o'clock on Christmas morning, and found all members of my family together--Mrs. M. and Zenaida having preceded me.

We are now getting in shape for the winter's work, but the temperature here is most discouraging in contrast with that of the inhabited parts of California. The thermometer this morning stood at 10°, and three or four mornings ago at 3° above.

With kindest regards and greetings of the season to you all, not forgetting the juvenile queen of the whole family.

As ever yours,

Prof. H. M. Hall,
1615 La Loma Ave.,
Berkeley, Calif.

C. Hart Merriam

January 5, 1920.

Mr. Norman McClintock,
504 Amberson Ave.,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Mr. McClintock:

Very many thanks for a copy of your splendid photograph of a Mule Deer, which I have just discovered in the accumulated mail awaiting my attention on my belated return from California.

From time to time I have seen and admired a number of your photographs of our big game animals, and it is with special pleasure that I can have constantly before me this beautiful example of your work.

When you are in Washington I wish you would take time to call on me.

With best wishes and renewed thanks,

Very truly yours,

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C. Hart Merriam

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January 6, 1920.

A. H. Clark Publishing Co.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sirs:

Please send me with bill Kino's 'Primeria
Alta', edited and translated by H. E. Bolton,
2 vols., \$12.50.

Very truly yours,

C. HART MERRIAM

Per *m. g.*

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January 7, 1920.

Chief Engineer,
American Motors Corporation,
Plainfield, N. J.

Dear Sir:

I am thinking of getting an American-6,
but have no use for a car without a magneto, nor
would I have a car without an engine-driven tire
pump. Hence, I am writing to ask if you can install
a Bosch magneto without interfering with the tire
pump. Is there room to put the Bosch magneto in
the place now occupied by the distributor? I do
not care to have any connection between battery and
spark plugs.

An early answer will oblige.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

C. H. Harrison

January 8, 1920

Dear Osgood:

Was disappointed not to be able to see you when passing through Chicago on my way East, but my train was more than 7 hours late and did not arrive until after suppertime.

But I was still more disappointed that you did not let me know when you were in California, as we wanted to see you at Lagunitas.

Nelson told me today that you expect to go to South America the latter part of this month. I am glad to know this, and hope you will stop for at least one meal with the Merriam family on your way to the East.

With best wishes,

As ever yours,

Mr. W. H. Osgood,
Field Museum of Nat. Hist.,
Chicago, Ill.

January 8, 1920

A meeting of the Council of the American Society of Mammalogists is hereby called, to be held on Saturday January 24, 1920, at 3 P.M., in the Mammal Range of the U.S. National Museum, Washington, D. C., to determine the date of the next Annual Meeting of the Society, and to attend to certain matters of business.

C. Hart Merriam
President

Copy mailed Jan 8, 1920
W. H. Osgood
H. H. Lane
H. H. T. Jackson
Walter S. Taylor
Glover N. Allen
R. M. Anderson
J. Grinnell
Dr. M. W. Lyon
Dr. W. D. Matthew
J. C. Merriam
Gerrit S. Miller
T. S. Palmer
E. A. Preble
Witmer Stone
N. Hollister

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January 9, 1920.

Dr. phil. Brockmann-Jerosch,
Zürich, Switzerland.

My dear Sir:

On returning to Washington after six months field work in California, I find your post card telling me about your work on the acorn food of Indians, and suggesting an exchange of papers. I am only too glad to avail myself of your offer as I have not seen your publication, and am most anxious to read it. I take pleasure therefore in sending you herewith a copy of my publication to which you refer, and shall await the receipt of yours.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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January 9, 1920.

Prof. John O. Snyder,
Stanford University, Calif.

My dear Professor Snyder:

On April 16 last, according to the records of the California Academy, you and Dr. Roy E. Dickerson presented a communication on 'Tehachapi as a Faunal Barrier'.

Your subject is of much interest to me, and I have looked forward anxiously to the appearance of the paper in print, but have not yet seen it. If published, will you not kindly send me a copy?

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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January 8, 1920.

Dear Mr. Grosvenor:

Very many thanks for your promptness and courtesy in the matter of the Society's publications concerning which I wrote you a few days ago. I am distributing these as belated Christmas presents, where I trust they will do good both for the recipient and the Society.

I herewith propose for membership in the Society Miss Stella Clemence, the Northumberland, Washington, D. C., and enclose my check for \$2 for this year's dues, beginning with the January number of the magazine.

Very truly yours,

Mr. Gilbert Grosvenor, Editor
National Geographic Society,
Washington, D. C.

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January 10, 1920.

G. P. Putnam's Sons, Publishers,
New York City.

Dear Sirs:

On returning from California I find in my accumulated mail a large illustrated book entitled 'I Was There' by C. LeRoy Baldrige, addressed to me in Washington. On opening it I find inside the enclosed envelope, addressed to Mr. Basil Manly, Norfolk, Va. This envelope I have not opened, but obviously there has been a transposition of sending, and some book intended for me has doubtless been sent to him at Norfolk.

I am returning the book to you herewith with my name on the outside, so that you may know who it is from; and shall be obliged if you can obtain from Mr. Manly the book intended for me.

Very truly yours,

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C. Hart Merriam

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January 10, 1920.

Mr. George D. Pratt, Commissioner
New York State Conservation Commission,
Albany, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Some one has recently sent me sample copies of the 'Conservationist' for the months of October and November 1918. I have examined these with interest, and am enclosing herewith my check for \$2 in payment for two years subscription.

In the November number for 1918 (page 175) is a photograph of a Wolf alleged to have been killed in one of the southern counties of the State. Is it to be assumed that the state in question is New York? And if so, can you furnish a little more specific information as to the locality where the animal was killed, and if practicable the date or approximate date? The killing of a genuine wild Wolf in New York state is certainly worthy of a detailed authoritative record.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

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Jan. 10, 1920

Mr W. I. Adams, Accountant,
Smithsonian Institution.

Dear Mr Adams:

Herewith I am enclosing my check on the National Metropolitan Bank of this city for five hundred dollars (\$500) in repayment of loan from the Harriman Fund advanced for field work about the middle of last June.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 12, 1920.

Dr. Frank M. Chapman,
American Museum of Natural History,
New York City.

Dear Chapman:

The receipt by this morning's mail of your descriptions of new birds from Peru, Bolivia, Brazil, and Colombia stimulates me to congratulate you on the continued results of your South American work, and at the same time to express my appreciation of several articles of yours in the three numbers of 'Bird-Lore' that I found on my desk on returning from California. I refer particularly to your 'Nature and England', your 'Traveler in the Tropics', and your admirable obituary on Brewster. If you happen to have a separate of this I should be very glad to possess one.

To refer to a rather trifling matter--the Jay plate in the November-December number calls Clark's Crow "Clark's Nutcracker", and the same spelling occurs in the text. "How long, Oh Lord," will this misspelling of Clark's name continue?

Mrs. Merriam returned yesterday afternoon from her visit with Dorothy in Cambridge, stopping on the way with the Allens in New York. Meanwhile, Zensaida and I had opened the house and got things going for the winter.

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We had a most successful field season in California, working particularly in the northern part in Klamath Canyon and in Shasta, Yreka, and Scott valleys, and also in the foothill region west of the northern half of Sacramento valley; and on the way home I stopped in the Riverside region and also at Needles on the Colorado River.

With best wishes and kindest regards to you all,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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January 12, 1920.

Dr. Thomas S. Roberts,
1603 4th Ave. S.,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Doctor Roberts:

It is not often that I in my old age take the time to acknowledge the receipt of a publication, but on looking over your 'Water Birds of Minnesota' found among my back mail on returning from California, I am impelled to express my appreciation both of the value of the paper for the records it contains and also for the admirable literary form in which it is presented. Your preliminary 'Retrospect' is charmingly put.

If you have copies to spare I should appreciate another one in order to file it under the state, as the present one goes into the ornithology file.

With congratulations and best wishes,

As ever yours,

CHM:MG

C. Hart Merriam

January 14, 1920.

Chief Engineer,
American Motors Corporation,
Plainfield, N. J.

Dear Sir:

I am distressed at not hearing from you in reply to my inquiry of the 7th inst. in regard to the placing of a magneto in an American-6 without doing away with the tire pump.

Having an opportunity to dispose of my present car to good advantage I should like to secure an American-6 at once if it is practicable to install a Bosch magneto and at the same time retain the tire pump.

Another question: Can you tell me the diameter of the circle in which an American-6 can turn?

A prompt reply will greatly oblige.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

C. West Merriam

January 14, 1920.

Mr. H. Chambers,

Champagne, Yukon.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 1, which I found on my return from California, would say that I should be glad to purchase any skulls of Grizzly Bears that you may have on hand. They should be shipped as before to U.S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., charges collect. A tag should be attached to each skull stating where it was killed, and also if known the sex and approximate date of killing.

Some tags are enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

C. West Merriam

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January 14, 1920.

Mr. Tom O'Brien,
Mimbres, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Will C. Barnes of the Forest Service informs me that you have on hand some Bear skulls which you would like to dispose of. He does not state whether these are Blacks or Grizzlies. I am anxious to secure as many skulls of Grizzlies as possible from Arizona, New Mexico, and adjacent territory at prices varying from \$6 to \$20, according to sex, age, and condition.

I do not care much for Black Bear skulls, but would pay \$1 to \$4 each, according to sex, age, and condition, assuming of course that each skull is labeled for the locality where killed. The sex and approximate date of killing also should be added if known.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

C. Hart

January 14, 1920.

Dear Mr. Conser:

After leaving your hospitable home I had a very successful stop of a couple of days at Needles, and then pushed on to spend Christmas with my married daughter and the rest of my family in Cambridge.

Since returning to Washington and opening our house I have been overwhelmed by the accumulated mail and the necessary attention to household and business affairs.

During the two months of November and December no fewer than 124 Bear skulls arrived from various parts of the Northwest, mainly British Columbia, Yukon Territory, and Alaska, for which vouchers had to be issued, and so on. Hence, you will pardon me I am sure for my tardiness in acknowledging your many helpful courtesies during my recent visit to you and your wonderful School. The School certainly is an inexhaustible treasure house of aboriginal information, the surface of which thus far has hardly been scratched; and I live in hopes of taking advantage of your kind invitation to return.

Mrs. Merriam and I envy you your balmy climate and subtropical surroundings. Here, as you know, the trees have been naked for a couple of months, and the weather has been very cold--down on several mornings to 9°, 6°, and even 3° above zero.

F.M.C.--2.

On the third day after leaving you, and while still on the desert, the severe 'cold' which made me so obnoxious to everybody suddenly disappeared and has not returned, for which I am duly thankful.

Mrs. Merriam joins me in kindest regards to Mrs. Conser and yourself, not forgetting Frank, Miss Arnold, Miss Ferris, and Mrs. Eubank; and please give my regards also to Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Smith.

With best wishes and greetings of the season,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam
Mr. F. M. Conser, Superintendent
Sherman Institute,
Riverside, Calif.

January 14, 1920.

Dear Bruce:

Owing to our late return and the mass of accumulated letters and business requiring attention, I have been obliged to postpone the usual Christmas greetings. I am now sending you a few pictures in a very big package, so do not get your expectations up when you see the size of the package, as most of it consists of corrugated paper. The pictures strike me as uncommonly excellent, and I thought they might interest you and possibly others of your family.

Mrs. Merriam has now returned from her visit with our daughter Dorothy, and we have things at the house going about as usual.

It is still very cold and windy here, but not storming.

Trusting that you are all well, and with love from all of us to you all,

As ever yours,

Mr. Bruch Stephens,
1250 Bay St.,
Alameda, Calif.

E. Hart Merriam

January 14, 1920.

Mr. H. S. Allen,
88 1st St.,
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Mr. Allen:

We were greatly disappointed in not being able to see any of you last season--more than the hasty glimpse in passing that day on the ferry-boat--but we had an exceedingly busy and successful field season in various parts of northern California, as Dr. Stephens may have told you.

The envelopes of clippings which you are still kind enough to send me from time to time contain a good deal of interest, and I wish you to believe that I greatly appreciate your courtesy in this matter.

Hoping that we may be able to get off on some trips together next season, and with kindest regards to you all, in which Mrs. Merriam and Zenaida join,

Very truly yours,

E. Hart Merriam

P.S. Not knowing your house number I sent a couple of booklets to the children at your office address, and trust that they arrived duly.

January 15, 1920.

Mr. E. M. Axelson,
Cordova, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

On December 27 we received from you 5 skulls of Grizzly Bears labeled Cordova, Alaska, but no letter has arrived. Unfortunately, the two skulls of adult males are both injured, one by having the base and left side of the brain case shot away, the other by having the crest on top broken off, so that their value is considerably less than if they had been perfect. A check of \$49 in payment will be sent you from my account in the Smithsonian Institution in the near future.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

C. Hart Merriam

*Copy sent to Yakutat on
Feb. 19.*

Have you heard from them for Yakutat & Cordova?

January 15, 1920.

Mr. J. D. Cochran,
Barkerville, B. C.

Dear Sir:

On returning to Washington I find your letter of November 1 and also the Grizzly skull from Canim Lake. Unfortunately, this skull has been injured by chopping out a slit in the base, doubtless for the purpose of getting at the brains a little more easily than through the proper hole in the back of the skull. I value the skull at \$18, a check for which will be sent you shortly from my account in the Smithsonian.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

C. Hart Merriam

January 15, 1920.

Mr. Harry Garbitt,
Hudsons Hope, B. C.

Dear Sir:

On returning from California I find that the three Grizzly skulls shipped by you from Hudsons Hope last May arrived at the Biological Survey on December 5. I have just examined them and find that two are young bears in the third or fourth year, worth \$6 and \$7, respectively, and the other is a fine adult male which I price at \$25, making \$38 in all. A check for this amount will be sent you shortly from my account in the Smithsonian Institution.

If you have succeeded in obtaining the skulls from the Nelson River country I hope you will send them also, and that you will write me at the time of shipment telling me just how they are sent so that I may be able to trace them.

During the coming season I shall be glad to purchase any additional skulls of Grizzlies that you may be able to secure.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

C. Hart Merriam

January 15, 1920.

Mr. John Jonas,
Livingston, Montana.

Dear Sir:

On December 27 we received from you two skulls of young-adult Grizzlies, both rather seriously damaged, for which a check for \$14 will be sent you in a few days.

No letter concerning these skulls has reached me.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

C. Hart Merriam

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January 15, 1920.

Mr. William Kaiser,
Seward, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

On December 5 we received from you a large consignment of Bear skulls, including 9 Grizzlies or Brown Bears, two of which were cubs, and 8 Black Bears. I am not much interested in Black Bears, but have credited your account \$12 for the 8 skulls, and for the Grizzlies \$101, making in all \$113, a check for which will be sent you in a few days from my account in the Smithsonian Institution.

If you send any more skulls in future, please be more careful about the teeth. Many of these were lost out. In case teeth are loose it is better to pull them out and tie them up in a rag, which should be securely fastened to the skull, so that they can be cemented in afterward.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

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January 15, 1920.

Mr. Oscar T. Landry,
Bella Coola, B. C.

Dear Sir:

I find your letters of October 6, December 10, December 26, and January 2 awaiting attention.

The six skulls mentioned in your letters of October 6 and December 10 have reached the Museum all right, and also the large male killed at Bella Coola on November 17. I have just examined them and have credited your account as follows: For the 2 cubs \$11; for the badly damaged female in the first lot \$7; for the young-adult female \$10; for the young-adult male \$18; for the old male killed Sept. 18 \$24; and for the large male shipped December 26 (received Jan. 13) \$25, amounting in all to \$95, a check for which will be sent you in a few days.

I shall be glad to receive any additional Grizzly skulls you may secure during the winter or spring.

Very truly yours,

Some tags are sent herewith.

January 15, 1920.

Mr. Vincent D. Lansell,
Hotel Butler,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

On returning to Washington from California a short time ago, I found your letters of October 7 and 12 awaiting attention. Owing to incorrect address, they had been a long time in transit.

The skulls mentioned I found at the National Museum day before yesterday. There were no labels attached to them, and you do not state where the Bears were killed, for which reason the specimens are utterly worthless to us. If you can tell me just where each one was killed, I shall be glad to purchase them. One is a fully-adult female, another a younger female (apparently in the 4th year), the third a cub.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

C. Hart Merriam

January 15, 1920.

Mackay & Dippie,
Calgary, Alberta.

Dear Sirs:

The Bear skulls mentioned in your letter of November 14 have arrived and have just been examined. Unfortunately, the old male from Alberta was so badly damaged that it is worth not more than \$3. For the two females I have credited you \$6 for the adult (which also is damaged) and \$7 for the young female from Little Salmon, in all \$21, a check for which will be sent you shortly.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

C. Hart Merriam

January 15, 1920.

Mr. Chas. H. McNeil,
Kamishak via Seldovia,
Alaska.

Dear Sir:

On November 18 the Biological Survey received from you four skulls of Big Bears labeled Kamishak Bay, valued at \$66, a check for which will be sent you in a few days from my account in the Smithsonian Institution.

I have not been able to find any letter from you relating to these skulls.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

January 15, 1920.

Mr. W. A. Shields,
Seldovia, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

On returning to Washington from the West Coast I find that the Biological Survey received from you on November 18 the skull of a young-adult Big Bear from the head of Kachemak. A check of \$20 in payment will be sent you from my account in the Smithsonian in a few days.

No letter has been received from you concerning this shipment. When sending skulls please notify me by letter so that I may be on the lookout for them.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

January 15, 1920.

Taylor, Drury, Pedlar & Co.,
Whitehorse, Yukon.

Dear Sirs:

On returning to Washington I find that the shipment of Bear skulls referred to in my letter of November 7 as not having been received, reached the Biological Survey November 13, and that the three skulls shipped on October 29 arrived November 28.

There was one Black Bear in each lot; the 9 others were Grizzlies of various ages and both sexes. For the lot I have credited your account \$113, a check for which will be sent you shortly from my account in the Smithsonian Institution, as per detailed voucher which will accompany the check.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

C. Hart Merriam

January 15, 1920.

Mr. S. J. Weitzman,
Haines, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

On returning from California a short time ago I found two shipments of Bear skulls from you, one received November 8, the other December 5. For these I have credited your account as follows: For the old Chilkat skull with cheek bones broken off \$10; for the other Chilkat skull \$12; for the two Black Bears \$2 each; for the skull labeled Oack Inlet \$18; for the one from Berners Bay \$22, in all \$66, a check for which will be sent you in a few days.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

*C. Hart Merriam**What is it?**No letter from you about time of the*

January 16, 1920.

Dr. Witmer Stone,
Academy of Natural Sciences,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Doctor Stone:

Thanks for yours of the 9th inst. Glad to know that you are coming to Washington in February, even if you cannot be here at the time of the Mammal Society's Council Meeting on the 24th of this month. This meeting however does not appear to me of very great consequence except to pass on some routine business and fix the date of the next meeting, which the Washington and New York members seem to feel should take place in New York about the end of April or first of May. In this connection, it is well to remember that the National Academy meets here April 26 to 28, inclusive.

I rejoice that matters are progressing so satisfactorily in the Philadelphia Academy.

My copy of the January 'Auk' has just been brought up by Vernon Bailey, and I am amazed to see (as you will observe from the enclosure) that it was addressed to me at the Biological Survey, a place which I visit about once every year. My 'Auk' address for the past 33 years has been 1919 Sixteenth St., and I am at an utter loss to understand why it was changed.

Trusting that you and Mrs. Stone are entirely well, and with best wishes from us all to you both,

As ever yours,

January 16, 1920.

Mr. Edwin H. Steedman,
Curtis & Co. Mfg. Co.,
St. Louis, Mo.

My dear Sir:

On my belated return from California I found your letter of November 28 offering to present to the National Collection the skull of the Grizzly killed by you last fall on South Fork Stikine River. I hasten to accept this very generous offer, and shall await with much interest the receipt of the skull. Am particularly glad that the Bear was a large one, which indicates that the skull is that of an adult. Fully-adult skulls of Grizzlies are relatively scarce, the vast majority of Bears killed being young of various ages.

The Bears of the Stikine region are particularly puzzling owing to the number of species whose ranges overlap in that region, and to the difficulty of obtaining enough adult males to permit of working out their characters satisfactorily.

Thanking you for your kind offer, and trusting you will pardon my unavoidable delay in replying,

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

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January 16, 1920.

Hon. Milton H. Welling,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 9th inst.
concerning the proposed change of name of Observation
Peak to Ogden Peak, would say that the matter will be
laid before the U.S. Geographic Board at its next
meeting and you will be informed as to the action taken.

Respectfully,

Chairman, U.S. Geographic Board

CHM:MG

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January 16, 1920.

Mr. E. W. Nelson, Chief
Biological Survey,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Nelson:

Last spring (on April 18) you were good enough to write E. P. Averill, Predatory Animal Inspector, Pendleton, Oregon, requesting him to make a special effort to secure specimens of the Grizzly and Black Bears from the Lava Beds of southern Idaho and southeastern Oregon.

As the season is now far advanced, I assume that the fruit of this investigation should be ripe. If so, is there anything to report?

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

E. W. Nelson

January 19, 1920.

Dear Colonel McGuire:

Your series of 'Sourdough' articles has interested me very much, and I want to congratulate 'Outdoor Life' on having put on record such a material quantity of useful information, for in spite of the mix-up of your shoes and your digression on the restaurant smash-up, you have made a contribution of permanent worth to our knowledge of the natural history of the part of Alaska visited by your expedition, particularly with reference to the big game animals.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

Col. J. A. McGuire,
Editor, Outdoor Life,
Denver, Colorado.

January 19, 1920.

Mr. Lawrence M. Huey,

Ojai, Ventura County, Calif.

Dear Mr. Huey:

Replying to your letter of the 10th inst. just received, would say that I take pleasure in sending you a number of separates of my publications on birds. It does not appear from your letter that you are interested in mammals.

I assume that you already have the publications of the Biological Survey, including the numbers of North American Fauna.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

January 19, 1920.

Dear Doctor Grinnell:

Yours of the 12th at hand. No, I am not willing to make any definite promise of an autobiography, but will bear it in mind, and if more pressing work permits will tackle the job.

For several years I have felt that I ought to do something of the kind, not so much on account of the opportunities of certain scientific societies to which I belong as from the circumstance that I happen to be one of the very few living field naturalists whose life work bridges over the period from the crude methods and restricted opportunities of the early expeditions to the more ample facilities and recognized necessities of modern field work.

Very truly yours,

Dr. Joseph Grinnell,
Museum of Vertebrate Zoology,
Berkeley, Calif.

C. Hart Merriam

January 19, 1920.

Dr. R. M. Anderson,
Geological Survey,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Doctor Anderson:

Your letter of the 13th is at hand, and I greatly regret to learn of the death of our friend James M. Macoun. He and I were at the Pribilof Islands together in 1891, since which time I have known of him chiefly as a botanist and am not familiar with his mammal work. If you will give me a brief memorandum about this I shall be glad to write a brief notice for the Journal of Mammalogy. The February number, I am told, has already gone to press, so the notice will have to go over for No. 3.

I am very glad to know that you have received another Arctic Grizzly, and shall be very glad to see both the skull and the skin if you will kindly send them to the Biological Survey by express, charges collect. It is mighty hard to identify the species of Bears by female skulls, at the same time it is sometimes possible.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

C. Hart Merriam

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January 19, 1920.

Dear Professor Evermann:

Sometime ago you asked for two copies each of my Bear papers, which I was unable to send from Lagunitas.

I am now forwarding such as still remain, but regret that I cannot spare but one of some of them.

You may be interested to know that Bear skulls still keep coming in in goodly numbers, 124 having been received during the months of November and December.

With best wishes and greetings to you all,

Very truly yours,

Prof. B. W. Evermann,
Calif. Academy of Sciences,
San Francisco, Calif.

January 20, 1920.

Dr. George Bird Grinnell,
238 E. 15th St.,
New York City.

Dear Doctor Grinnell:

Several years ago 'Forest & Stream' suddenly published the names of a number of persons, including my own, as a so-called 'Governing Board'. I had not been consulted in this matter and was very much surprised to see my name in the list. I had intended to speak to you about it, but of late years we have seen one another so infrequently and have had so many other things to talk about that it slipped me at the moment.

But as time went on it became more and more evident that the continued publication of this alleged 'Governing Board' was merely for advertising purposes without the slightest foundation in fact, thus putting me and others before the readers of the magazine in an absolutely false light. Hence, in April 1918 I wrote the Editor that this farce had continued long enough and that I should be obliged if he would kindly remove my name from the 'Governing Board'. To this I received no reply. After waiting a year and finding my name still published in this connection, I again wrote Dr. Bruette (under date of April 18, 1919) complaining of his persistence in the matter, and stating:

G.B.G.--2.

"Inasmuch as the majority of the persons named have nothing whatever to do with the policy or management of 'Forest & Stream', the thing has become a notorious farce and I, for one, am not willing to be placed in such a false light. I renew therefore, with emphasis, my request that you at once remove my name from this list."

This, like my preceding letter, received no reply.

On October 2, 1919, I wrote John P. Holman, Associate Editor, telling him the simple truth: that had it not been for my high regard for you I should long ago have taken legal steps to have my name removed from this list.

I am not alone in resenting the continued publication of my name in this false way, implying a supervision which does not and never did exist, and unless you can exert sufficient influence over the Editorial Department of the Journal to have the thing stopped at once, several of us will be obliged to put the matter in the hands of our attorneys.

Very truly yours,

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C. Hart Grinnell

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January 20, 1920.

Dear Grinnell:

The enclosed letter needs no explanation.

We have not heard from one another since early last spring, and I do not know where you were or what you accomplished during the summer. I hope you were able to do some field work in the West.

For my part, I had an unusually productive season, securing several vocabularies of dialects previously unrepresented in my collection and doubling or nearly doubling the material on about 20 others. I was particularly successful with the Shaste, verifying the tribal boundaries and village sites obtained during previous years and adding a considerable quantity of new material, including a vocabulary of the nearly extinct Ko-no-me-hoo division.

Hoping that we may see you here during the winter, and with best wishes,

As ever yours,

Dr. George Bird Grinnell,
238 E. 15th St.,
New York City.

January 20, 1920.

Mr. Vernon Bailey,
1834 Kalorama Road,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bailey:

Many thanks for the loan of the material sent you by Melvin Randolph Gilmore giving the names in several Indian languages of a number of Northern Plains mammals.

I have taken out the matter relating to the names of Black and Grizzly Bears, and am returning all of the material to you herewith.

In looking it over somewhat hastily, I am impressed with the feeling that I should be loath in accepting all of the names for any but the best-known large species; and as you mentioned the other day, there seems to be a mix-up of the deer.

I understood you to say that Gilmore used plain English sounds for the letters of the alphabet, scorning the peculiar alphabets and pronunciations used by most professional ethnologists. But in looking at the first page of his manuscript I find the contrary to be true, for he gives a phonetic key in which not a single letter except q (and in certain cases n) has the sound of the same letter in the English language! Thus, according to his alphabet, cin spells chin and sin spells shin, while all of the vowels have their continental or European sounds instead of the sounds in our English alphabet.

V.B.—2.

And if you read his article on the use of the ground bean by Indians you probably did not observe that he writes Minitari for Minetaree, and tipi for teepee--all of which is very very sad.

You of course must have been impressed by the uncertainty of application of the name he uses for the Bean Mouse, as he speaks of these animals as "Wood Mice or Voles", thus confusing Peromyscus with Microtus, and at the same time using the abominable book-name 'Vole' which he never could have heard anyone speak. Hence, you will naturally be mighty leery about accepting Wyaspene as the name of any species until you have actually got it from the Indians in connection with the exhibition of a specimen, so that you will know exactly what animal it is applied to.

Thanking you for the loan of the manuscript,
As ever yours,

January 21, 1920.

Prof. J. O. Snyder,
Stanford University,
California.

Dear Professor Snyder:

Very many thanks for your promptness in replying to my inquiry about your communication on the so-called Tehachapi barrier.

It never occurred to me that you were talking about fishes! This is an excellent example of the way our thoughts often flow unconsciously in channels predetermined by our particular fields of work--for I had in mind the supposed barrier these mountains are sometimes assumed to form to the distribution of terrestrial animals and plants. But they are not much of a barrier after all, since many Mohave Desert species pass over to the south end of San Joaquin Valley and to Cuyama Valley.

I am much impressed by what you say about the distribution of fishes, and shall await with interest the receipt of the paper you have been good enough to send me on the Whitefishes of Bear Lake.

I infer that as yet neither you or Dr. Dickerson has published on the so-called Tehachapi barrier.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

January 21, 1920.

J. A. Holton, Esq.,
119 W. 40th St.,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 14th inst. telling me that you were mailing the December number of 'Motor' to me came several days ago, but the December number has not yet shown up. I am very anxious to see this number.

I am glad to know that owing to the non-appearance of the October and November numbers you have extended my subscription two months, which will bring it to June of the present year.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

C. H. Merriam

January 21, 1920.

Mr. James Henry Rice, Jr.,

Wiggins, S. C.

My dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 18th inst.,
would say that I also have seen the statement that
Wolves mate for life--but I don't believe a word of it.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

C. Hart Merriam

January 21, 1920.

Mr. Clinton G. Abbott,
Conservation Commission,
Albany, N. Y.

My dear Sir:

Many thanks for your letter of the 19th inst.
in regard to the Wolf whose photograph was published in
the November 1918 issue of the 'Conservationist'. I am
greatly obliged for your effort to ascertain the facts in
the case so that a definite record may be made, for if it
can be established that this Wolf was actually killed in
the state of New York the circumstances are of much
scientific interest.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

C. Hart Merriam

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January 22, 1920.

University Library,
University of Minnesota,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Enclosed herewith is 25 cents for which please
send me Thos. S. Roberts' 'Review of the Ornithology of
Minnesota', a booklet of 100 pages with illustrations,
issued May 1919.

Very truly yours,

C. HART MERRIAM

Per. 

January 28, 1920.

Dr. F. A. Lucas, Director,
American Museum of Natural History,
New York City.

Dear Doctor Lucas:

The next meeting of the American Society of Mammalogists is to be held in New York, as you of course know. The Council has now fixed the opening date for Monday, May 3, and the session is assumed to last either two or three days, at the discretion of the Local Committee.

I am now writing to ask if you are willing to serve as Chairman of the Local Committee, and would suggest, with your approval, that John Treadwell Nichols be appointed the 'busy man' of the Committee. There should be three members, and I should be glad to hear from you as to your preference for the third--somebody not connected with the Museum.

Am enclosing a list of New York members in order that you may have the available material before you.

With best wishes and kind regards to yourself and all members of the Lucas family.

As ever yours,

E. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

LIST OF NEW YORK CITY AND BROOKLYN MEMBERS OF THE
AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MAMMALOGISTS

Carl E. Akeley	Sherman P. Haight
J. A. Allen	W. T. Hornaday
Roy C. Andrews	Ernest Ingersoll
H. E. Anthony	Herbert Lang
William Beebe	William J. LaVarre
Clarence Birdseye	W. D. Matthew
William Bruette	Leo E. Miller
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Charles Stewart Davison	John Treadwell Nichols
Mary C. Dickerson	H. F. Osborn
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Richard L. Garner	Vilhjálmur Stefansson
Walter Granger	D. D. Streeter, Jr. (Brooklyn)
Madison Grant	Frederick K. Vreeland
W. K. Gregory	
George Bird Grinnell	

January 28, 1920.

Prof. John C. Merriam,
University,
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear J.C.:

Glad to see that you reached home in safety,
but was sorry not to see you during your hasty visit here.

Elizabeth, Zenaida, and I spent Christmas with
Dorothy, after which Zenaida and I opened the house while
Elizabeth stayed to complete her visit.

We have had plenty of snow and ice, especially
the latter, and the streets are only now beginning to thaw.

The next meeting of the American Society of
Mammalogists will be held in New York City, beginning May 3.
I hope you will be able to be present.

With best wishes to you all from all of us,

As ever yours,

CHM:MG

January 28, 1920.

Prof. Charles R. Lanman,
9 Farrar St.,
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Sir:

Your letter of the 23rd inst. in relation
to organizing in the National Academy of Sciences a
section for Humanistic Studies reached me a day or two
ago. As I have never heard of the Committee of which
you speak, and am not familiar with the subject of your
letter, I have forwarded it, along with your circular
letter to members of the American Oriental Society, to
Prof. Hale at Pasadena.

Very truly yours,

C. R. Lanman

CHM:MG

January 28, 1920.

Dr. George Ellery Hale,
Pasadena, Calif.

Dear Doctor Hale:

The enclosed letter and leaflet from Prof.
Charles R. Lanman have just reached me. You probably
know what he is talking about but I don't, and I never
heard of the Committee to which he says that you and I
belong. If you understand the situation and will kindly
drop him a line I shall be obliged.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

January 28, 1920.

Dear Mr. Sloane:

The accompanying letter from the Associate
Editor of 'The Nation' explains itself, and I shall be
obliged if you will kindly send them the last published
report of the Board.

Very truly yours,

Mr. Charles S. Sloane, Secretary
U.S. Geographic Board,
Washington, D. C.

January 28, 1920.

Williams & Wilkins, Publishers,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Sirs:

What has become of the separates of my two articles in the first number of the 'Journal of Mammalogy' published by you and dated November 1919 (pp. 6-9, and 38-40)?

This delay in the distribution of separates is most unfortunate, for the reason that many zoologists date the publication from the date of receipt of authors' separates, which in this case sets the date a year late.

I ordered 50 separates of each in addition to the 25 furnished by the Society.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

January 28, 1920.

Dear Sheldon:

Referring to our recent conversation about the Mountain Sheep described from the Cascade and Sierra Nevada ranges, would say that two forms assumed to be distinct from one another have been published, namely: "Ovis californianus" described by Douglas in the Zoological Journal of 1829 (p. 332, Jan. 1829); and "Ovis cervina sierrae" described by Joseph Grinnell, published in 1912.

The Zoological Journal is not at hand, but Allen gives the type locality as near Mt. Adams, Yakima County, Washington, which is a little south of the Similkameen region. The type locality of Grinnell's sierrae is given by him as Mt. Baxter in the high Sierra Nevada of Inyo County, California (altitude 11,000 feet). Grinnell saw no specimens of Ovis californiana, and therefore assumed on geographic grounds that the Sierra animal is distinct.

The title of Douglas' paper is quoted as follows in his Journal as printed in London by William Wesley in 1914 (p. 325): "Observations on two undescribed Species of North American Mammalia (Cervus leucurus et Ovis californianus)."

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Charles Sheldon,
3102 Q St.,
Washington, D.C.

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January 28, 1920.

Dear Mr. Grosvenor:

Mrs. Florence Johnson of 1700 11th St.
has just handed me \$2 in payment of annual dues in the
National Geographic Society for the current year. A
check for the amount is enclosed herewith.

Hastily yours,

C. Hart Johnson

Mr. Gilbert Grosvenor, Director,
National Geographic Society,
Washington, D. C.

February 2, 1920.

Mr. Proctor W. Hansl,
Vice-President & Secretary,
American Motors Corporation,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Hansl:

Thanks for the information contained in your letter of January 23. I note that you can transfer the tire-pump to the transmission, from which I infer that the transmission can be operated independently from the differential--which is not the case in the cars which I have been driving.

I am greatly interested in your statement that "there will be some changes in our 1920 Model" which will not be on the market until April. Will you kindly tell me whether you expect to run both models, or whether after the new one appears you will discontinue the present model? If you are going to run only the new model, I am sorry to learn that it is to be a larger car.

If the present car is to be discontinued when the new model appears, I think I will wait for the new one; but if both models are to be continued, I think I shall put in an order for one of the present models at once.

The point is that I do not care to own any more 'dead' cars, as I own two of this sort already, and am therefore anxious to purchase something that will continue to be manufactured.

P.W.H.--2.

Speaking of changing the position of the tire-pump, are you familiar with the tire-pump of the Roamer car, which is mounted on top of the motor and operated from one of the cylinders?

An early reply will greatly oblige.

Very truly yours,

C. West American

CHM:MG

February 2, 1920.

Mr. Laurence M. Huey,
Ojai, Ventura Co., Calif.

Dear Mr. Huey:

Your letter of January 26 arrived today. Owing to the illness of my stenographer the separates which I intended to send you ten days ago were not mailed until this morning. In a few days I will pick out for you a batch of my mammal separates.

You had better write E. W. Nelson, Chief of the Biological Survey, at once, asking for such numbers of North American Fauna as you have not already received, and for such other publications on mammals and birds as the Survey still has for distribution.

Please make a mental memorandum of the fact that there is no such thing as the SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTE. The correct name is Smithsonian Institution.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

C. Hart Merriam

February 2, 1920.

Dear Doctor Benedict:

Referring to our conversation of a few days since, would say that I shall be very glad if you will kindly have your tank for paraffining skulls connected up so that some of the valuable skulls of Big Bears which I am purchasing for the Museum may be paraffined to lessen the destruction of the teeth from varying atmospheric conditions.

The teeth of the Bear skull which Mr. Miller had paraffined several years ago are still in nearly perfect condition.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dr. James E. Benedict,
U.S. National Museum,
Washington, D. C.

February 2, 1920.

Mr. John Wetherill,
Kayenta, Arizona.

My dear Sir:

Last April I wrote you asking for some information concerning the distribution of the Shoshonean tribes in the region with which you are familiar. You happened to be absent at the time, as your partner Mr. Solville notified me, and I have had no reply from you.

I am taking the liberty therefore to write again, hoping that you will give me such information as you may possess concerning the intertribal boundaries between the Ute and the Navaho, the Southern Piute and Navaho, or any other tribal or subtribal boundaries that may have come under your observation.

Do any Ute or Piute Indians live or work on the south side of the Canyon?

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

February 2, 1920.

Hon. M. H. Welling,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

Your communication of January 29 is at hand, with accompanying letters from A. S. Condon and the Chamber of Commerce of Ogden recommending a change of name of the mountain commonly known as 'Observation Peak' to 'Mount Ogden'. The matter will be laid before the U.S. Geographic Board at its next meeting.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

February 2, 1920.

Mr. J. Frank Callbreath,
Telegraph Creek, B. C.

My dear Sir:

Thanks for the skull of the female Grizzly killed October 1 on Shesley River, and for the information furnished in your letter. A check of \$10 in payment will be sent you from my account in the Smithsonian Institution in a few days.

If you get hold of any additional skulls of Grizzlies, particularly those of old males, I shall be mighty glad to get them.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

February 2, 1920.

The Cadmus Book Shop,
312 West 34th St.,
New York City.

Dear Sirs:

Please send me with bill the book described below, listed in your Catalog No. 57:

351 Sutter, Gen. John A. Life and Times of.
By T. J. Schoonover, Sacramento, 1907, \$1.25.

Very truly yours,

C. HART MERRIAM

Per *m.g.*

February 2, 1920.

Dearborn Independent,

Dearborn, Mich.

Dear Sirs:

On November 27, 1920, I wrote you asking that the address of my 'Independent' be changed from Lagunitas, Marin County, Calif., back to 1919 Sixteenth St., Washington, D. C., but I have not received a single copy of the paper since my return to Washington.

I will be very much obliged if you will look into the matter and see that the paper is sent to my Washington address.

Very truly yours,

C. HART MERRIAM

Per 

February 3, 1920.

Dr. Thomas S. Roberts, Director
Zoological Museum,
University of Minnesota,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Doctor Roberts:

Very many thanks for your kindness in sending me another copy of your important paper on the Water Birds of Minnesota.

On receipt of your letter I immediately wrote for your 'Review of the Ornithology of Minnesota', a copy of which has just arrived. It certainly is a most valuable and convenient document, and I am particularly delighted to see that you have introduced a life zone map of the state as a frontispiece. This will be a great help to all of us who deal with geographic distribution.

With congratulations and best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

February 3, 1920.

Mr. Frank Shotter,
Hoonah, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 28, would state that I am still purchasing skulls of Bears, but do not care much for Black Bears or for females and young of the Big Bears.

For skulls of fully-adult males of Big Brown and Grizzly Bears in good condition I pay \$15 to \$18. For adult females in good condition \$8; for young, lesser amounts according to age and condition. Skulls of Black Bears are worth only a dollar or two each.

The above prices relate only to skulls tagged with reliable data as to place where killed. When known, the sex and age also should be added, but the locality where killed is by far the most important information needed.

Specimens should be securely packed and sent by express, charges collect, addressed U.S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

February 3, 1920.

Mr. W. I. Adams, Accountant,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Adams:

Herewith I am enclosing my expense account for the month of January amounting to \$48.63, and also a very large number of vouchers, as per accompanying list, which I shall be obliged if you will kindly pay from the Harriman fund.

Very truly yours,

Accompanying Vouchers:

J.W. Scollick, Cleaning skulls	\$4.50	Rent Office Apartment	
Z. Merriam, services as asst.	35.00	for Feb. 1920	\$71.50
Stott & Co., office supplies	13.75	Telephone	2.30
Underwood TW Co., coupon book	5.00		
A.H. Clark Co., Bolton's Kino (2 Vols.)	12.50		
Bear Skulls:			
E.M. Axelson	49.00		
Tom E. Bee	31.00		
J.F. Callbreath	10.00		
J.D. Cochran	18.00		
E.H. Edwards	38.00		
Harry Garbitt	38.00		
John Jonas	14.00		
William Kaiser	113.00		
Oscar T. Landry	119.00		
Mackay & Dippie	21.00		
J.T. McMullin	10.00		
Chas. H. McNeil	66.00		
H. Moses	444.00		
G.W. Palmer	43.00		
W.A. Shields	20.00		
Taylor, Drury, Pedlar & Co.	113.00		
Hardy Trelzger	66.00		
A.H. Twitchell	72.00		
S.J. Weitzman	66.00		
Geo. H. Peterson	39.00		

C. Hart Merriam

Northumberland Apartment, Washington, D. C.

Expense Account for January 1920

		xx xxxx Subvoucher	
1920			
Jan.			
6	1 copy of 'Nation'		10
12	Car tickets .25; toilet paper .20		45
12	Typewriter oil .20; red & blue pencils (1/2 doz.) .50 cts		70
17	1 broom		65
17	Difference on exchange of typewriter paper		50
20	1 copy of 'Forest & Stream'		20
	1 electric light bulb		65
31	Stamps & stamped envelopes		2 38
	Charwoman for cleaning office during January	1	5 00
	Janitor service		1 50
	Electric Current to Dec. 23	2	2 00
	Subscriptions to periodicals for 1920:		
2	Bird-Lore		1 50
	Outdoor Life (2 copies)		4 00
	Proc. Biol. Soc. Washn.		3 00
	Rod & Gun in Canada		1 50
6	Popular Mechanics Magazine		3 00
8	Am. Forestry Magazine		3 00
10	Conservationist (2 yrs.)		2 00
	Field & Stream (2 yrs.)		3 00
12	Boonville [N.Y.] Herald		3 00
28	Washn. Acad. Sci.		3 00
30	Outers Recreation (2 yrs.)		3 00
	Scientific Monthly		5 00
			48 63

-----Forty-eight-----

---sixty-three---

48.63

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Zenaida Merriam

1919 16th St., Washington, D. C.

1920
Jan.
31

To services as Assistant, 10 days

3.50 35 00

35 00

-----Thirty-five-----

-----no-----

35.00

C. Hart Merriam

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J. W. Scollick

U.S. National Museum, Washington, D. C.

1920
Jan.
28

To cleaning 9 Bear Skulls at 50c. each

4 50

4 50

-----Four-----

---fifty--

4.50

C. Hart Merriam

E. M. Axelson

Yakutat, Alaska.

1920

Jan. 5 Grizzly skulls from Yakutat Bay region, Alaska:

1 ad. ♂ (damaged)		8 00
1 ad. ♀		12 00
2 yg.-ad. ♂	\$7.00	14 00
1 ad. ♂		15 00

49 00

-----Forty-nine-----

-----no-----

49.00

C. Hart Murren

Tom E. Bee

Carmacks, Yukon

1920

Jan. 3 Grizzly skulls from Upper Pelly River, Yukon:

1 adult male	18 00
1 adult female	8 00
1 young female	5 00

31 00

-----Thirty-one-----

-----no-----

31.00

C. Hart Murren

J. Frank Callbreath

Telegraph Creek, B. C.

1920
Jan.1 skull of adult female Grizzly from
Shesley River, B. C.

10 00

10 00

10.00

-----Ten-----

-----no-----

C. Hartman

J. D. Cochran

Barkerville, B. C.

1920
Jan.

1 skull of ad. ♂ Grizzly from Canim Lake, B.C.

18 00

18 00

18.00

-----Eighteen-----

-----no-----

C. Hartman

818

E. H. Edwards

Bella Coola, B. C.

1920
Jan.

4 Grizzly Bear skulls from Atnarko River, B.C.:

2 cubs	\$8.00	16 00
1 yg. male		16 00
1 young male		6 00

38 00

-----Thirty-eight-----

-----no-----

38.00

C. H. Edwards

319

Harry Garbitt

Hudsons Hope, B. C.

1920
Jan.

3 Grizzly skulls from near Hudsons Hope, B.C.:

1 yg. bear	6 00
1 yg. bear	7 00
1 ad. ♂	25 00

38 00

-----Thirty-eight-----

-----no-----

38.00

C. H. Garbitt

John Jonas

Livingston, Montana.

1920
Jan.

2 Grizzly skulls from Montana:

1 yg.-ad. ♀ (damaged)	6 00
1 yg.-ad. ♀	8 00

14 00

-----Fourteen-----

-----no-----

14.00

C. Hartman

William Kaiser

Seward, Alaska.

1920
Jan.

9 Grizzly Bear skulls from Skilak Lake, Alaska:

2 ad. ♂	\$20.00	40 00
2 ad. ♀	10.00	20 00
1 old ♀		15 00
1 yg. ♂		7 00
1 yg.-ad. ♀		9 00
2 cubs	5.00	10 00

8 Black Bear skulls from Skilak Lake:

6 skulls @ \$1	1.00	6 00
1 skull old ♂		4 00
1 skull ad. ♂		2 00

113 00

-----One Hundred Thirteen-----

-----no-----

113.00

C. Hartman

428

J. T. McMullin

Taos, New Mexico

1920
Jan.

1 skull of old ♀ Grizzly from near Taos, N. M.

10 00

10 00

-----Ten-----

-----no-----

10.00

C. Hart

325

Chas. H. McNeil

Kamishak via Seldovia, Alaska.

1920
Jan.

4 Grizzly Bear skulls from Cooks Inlet,
Kamishak Bay:

1 yg.-ad. ♂
1 im. ♂
1 ad. ♀
1 ad. ♂

18 00
14 00
12 00
22 00

66 00

-----Sixty-six-----

-----no-----

66.00

C. Hart

H. Moses

Juneau, Alaska.

55 skulls of Bears, mostly with some teeth missing or otherwise damaged:		
Nov. 7	7 Grizzly skulls from Baranof Island, The lot	70 00
	1 old male from Krusof Island	15 00
	1 Black Bear skull from Baranof Island	1 00
	1 Sea Lion skull from Krusof Island	5 00
Nov. 14	13 Grizzly skulls from Chichagof Island, The lot	105 00
Nov. 28	18 Grizzly skulls from Admiralty & Chichagof Islands, The lot	136 00
Dec. 20	10 Grizzly skulls from Admiralty & Baranof Islands, The lot	80 00
Jan. 30	4 Grizzly skulls from Baranof & Admiralty Islands,	32 00
		444 00

---Four Hundred Forty-four---

-----no-----

C. H. Sturges

G. W. Palmer

Snug Harbor, Alaska

1920	4 Grizzly skulls from Chisik Island & Cottonwood Creek, Alaska:		
Jan.	1 young male	8.00	9 00
	2 old females		16 00
	1 old male		18 00
			43 00

~~Forty-~~
---thirty-three---

-----no-----

33.00

C. H. Sturges

828

W. A. Shields

Seldovia, Alaska

1920 Jan.	1 skull of ad. ♂ Grizzly from Kenai Peninsula	20 00
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20 00

-----Twenty-----

-----no-----

20.00

C. Hartman

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Taylor, Drury, Pedlar & Co.,

Whitehorse, Yukon.

1920 Jan.	9 Grizzly skulls from Upper Pelly River Region, Yukon:		
	4 ad. ♀	\$10.00	40 00
	1 im. ♂		7 00
	1 old ♂		22 00
	2 yg.-ad. ♂	15.00	30 00
	1 yg. ♂		8 00
	2 ad. ♂ Black Bear skulls	3.00	6 00

113 00

-----One Hundred Thirteen-----

-----no-----

113.00

C. Hartman

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Hardy Trelzger

Yakutat, Alaska.

1920

Jan. 7 Grizzly skulls from Ahnkin & Alsek Rivers,
Alaska:

4 young bears	\$8.00	32 00
1 yg. ♂		10 00
1 ad. ♂		20 00
1 ♂ (damaged)		4 00

66 00

-----Sixty-six-----

-----no-----

66.00

C. Hart Merriam

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A. H. Twitchell

Flat, Alaska.

1920
Jan.

5 Grizzly skulls from Iditerod & Kuskokwim, Alaska:

1 immature female		6 00
1 adult female		10 00
2 adult males	20.00	40 00
1 yg.-adult male		12 00
Skulls of female Black Bear & cub		4 00

72 00

-----Seventy-two-----

-----no-----

72.00

C. Hart Merriam

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S. J. Weitzman

Haines, Alaska.

1920			
Jan.	4 Grizzly Bear skulls from Chilkat, Alaska:		
	1 old ♀ (injured)		10 00
	1 ad. ♀		12 00
	1 yg.-ad. ♂		22 00
	1 yg.-ad. ♂		18 00
	2 Black Bear skulls from S.E. Alaska	\$2.00	4 00

66 00

----- Sixty-six -----

----no--

66.00

cast

333

George H. Peterson

Sitka, Alaska

1919			
Nov.	4 skulls of Brown Bears from Chichagof & Baranof Islands:		
	1 adult male		18 00
	2 young males	8.00	16 00
	1 young female		5 00

39 00

-----Thirty-nine-----

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39.00

cast

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February 3, 1920.

Mr. Frederic M. DeWitt
DeWitt & Snelling, Booksellers
Oakland, Calif.

My Dear Mr. DeWitt:

In the latter part of 1917
a series of articles by Father P. Triana was published in the Hollister Advance (or Advocate). These articles were reprinted in the Gilroy Advocate in Oct.-Nov. 1917. Will you kindly let me know if you can supply us with the series, preferably from the newspaper in which they were first published? We have already tried to obtain them from the office of the Hollister Advance, but without success.

How are the California Index cards progressing? We have not received any for quite a few months, I believe.

Very truly yours,

Stella Clemence

February 4, 1920.

Dear Mr. Harrington:

Very many thanks for your courtesy in sending me some statements in relation to Dr. Franz Boas.

His article in the 'Nation' seems to have stirred up a hornets' nest, and so far as I can see the stings he has received are well deserved.

The summary of discussion and action at the Cambridge meeting of the Anthropological Association, together with the details of the final vote, are of much interest, as is also the letter from Dr. Bushnell.

You do not say anything about returning the manuscript, but in case you want it back, phone me and I will return it.

Thanking you for your courtesy in the matter,

Very truly yours,
C. H. Hays

Mr. John P. Harrington,
Bureau of Ethnology,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

February 9, 1920.

Dear Arch:

You must have had a fine time with that bright boy of yours, and it is a pity that he had to go away and leave a lonesome daddy behind.

It is said that there is an old saying in the Bible or some other old book to the effect, "What's the use of friends if one doesn't use them?" Acting on this hint, I am going to attempt to bother you with two or three jobs.

The first one is to put a respectable padlock on the outside of our house at Lagunitas, the one that we left there being unreliable and difficult to operate. To meet this need I am sending you a good Yale padlock by insured parcel post today. It is brass and guaranteed not to rust.

Errand No. 2 is even more important. We left in such a hurry (one day ahead of time) that I did not go over my vocabularies a second time to pick out all of these which I should have brought home. I brought 20 and should have brought 23, as material was added to all of these during the season and needs to be copied on the Washington set. The vocabularies are in the third drawer from the top of the steel file-case in the Lagunitas vault--which we left unlocked.

The three needed are: (1) Ne-woo-wah; (2) Mohineam-Morango; and (3) Pemo from Healdsburg (which may or may not be labeled Kaht-ah-we-chum-mi). If you will kindly dig these out and

.R.G.--2.

send them by express, insured for \$200, I shall be greatly obliged.

While you are in that cold storage vault you might cast your eye on the top maps of the two upper shelves to see if I left there a folded map with areas colored to show distribution of Indian tribes. The maps I have in mind are Shasta and Klamath National forests, and also possibly the U.S.G.S. Sacramento Valley long sheet. If you find any of them, send them along with the vocabularies.

I hate to bother you with this job, but a trip to Lagunitas from here would consume so much time and cash that I am impelled to impose on your kind-heartedness and general helpful disposition.

There is still a good market for second-hand cars here, but I have not yet sold 'Arabella', for the reason that the American-5 is bringing out a new 1920 Model to be ready in March, equipped with a Herschel-Spillman motor--which surely is going some. There are other improvements also which would seem to make it a most desirable carry-all, provided it is not too big. Incidentally, if you happen to run across anybody who wants to buy 'Susie' please let me know.

We have had an old-time winter so far, and the snow is still piled up in the streets so deep that navigation is difficult and nasty. For several days stalled cars could be seen in most any direction, and I have been sticking close to

A.M.G.—3.

office. We are hoping for better weather ahead.

This reminds me: Have you had enough rain out there during January, or is the winter—as in the United States at large—preternaturally dry?

I saw Angie yesterday afternoon at a party given by Zenaida. She was looking blooming and sassy and having hard work to convince any one that she had been under the weather.

Gertrude Allen, as you may have heard, is already married, but nevertheless is still holding on to her old job—doubtless a good thing for both herself and her husband.

Are you likely to show up on this side of the Great Divide during the coming spring? If not, we shall try to meet you for an abalone steak before the warm weather sets in.

Have you heard of the recent depredations by Mountain Lions at Woodacre? And do you know whether the Martinellis are going to leave Lagunitas in the early spring? We most certainly hope not.

As ever yours,

Mr. Arch M. Gilbert,
411 Mills Building,
San Francisco, Calif.

February 9, 1920.

Alexander C. Johnston, Esq.,
Editor, 'Motor',
119 W. 40th St.,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

I have been subscribing to 'Motor' for many years, but have not received a single number since September 1919.

I have written your office four times in respect to the matter, but have received only one reply, which was dated January 14 and signed "J. M. Holton." Mr. Holton informed me that the October and November numbers had not been published and that my subscription would be set ahead accordingly. He stated also that he would send me the December number. As this never arrived I wrote him again calling his attention to the matter and asking if he would not kindly send me both the December and the January numbers, as I assumed the latter would be out by this time, but I have had no reply, and have not yet received either the December or January number.

As there seems to be no particular reason why the publishers of 'Motor' should be unwilling to let me see these numbers, I assume that the neglect is a case of oversight, and trust you will exercise sufficient pressure to have the numbers to date sent me.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

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February 9, 1920.

Mr. E. B. Gardner,
San Geronimo, Calif.

Dear Mr. Gardner:

Recently I have heard a rumor that a Mountain Lion has visited Woodacre. If this is true, you will of course be familiar with the facts, and I shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly tell me about it, giving the date of the animal's appearance as nearly as you remember it.

We have been having one of our severe winters, with deep snow and much cold weather. Today it is thawing a little but the snow is piled up so deep in the streets that navigation is difficult and exceedingly unpleasant. We long to be back at Lagunitas.

With kindest regards to you all,

Very truly yours,
C. H. M.

CHM:MG

February 9, 1920.

Dear Mr. Adams:

Many thanks for yours of the 5th inst. enclosing statement of receipts and disbursements by the Smithsonian on account of the Harriman Fund during the calendar year ended December 31, 1919. This agrees with my account in every particular except an insignificant difference of a few cents in charges for telephone service.

Thanking you for your trouble in the matter,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

Mr. W. I. Adams, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

February 9, 1920.

Mr. Clinton G. Abbott,
Conservation Commission,
Albany, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Abbott:

Very many thanks for your letter of the 7th inst. containing the sought-for information about the killing of the Wolf whose picture appeared in the 'Conservationist'.

I greatly appreciate your courtesy in this matter, as the record is an unusually important one, and I am delighted to know also that the specimen in question is actually extant in the possession of the State Museum at Albany.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

C. Hart Merriam -

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February 9, 1920.

Mr. S. C. Bishop,
State Museum,
Albany, N. Y.

My dear Sir:

Mr. Clinton G. Abbott of the State Conservation Commission, who has been at my request hunting up data for a Wolf killed in New York State in 1916 (a photograph of which appeared in the 'Conservationist'), writes me that the specimen in question is actually in the New York State Museum. I am delighted to learn this, and shall be obliged if you will kindly give me any information you may have concerning its history. Is the specimen mounted or in the form of a museum skin? And is it accompanied by the skull of the animal?

Wolves in New York State have been so scarce for many years that actual records of specimens are of much interest.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

February 10, 1920.

Dear Arch:

In writing you yesterday and sending you the padlock, I suffered from the usual old man's trouble-- forgetfulness. I sent you the only two keys that came with the padlock, and therefore shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly return one of them to me, so that if I happen to strike Lagunitas unbeknownst I may be able to get into my own house. The other key you had better leave with the Martinellis, who have all of the other keys. If by any accident the Martinellis should pull out before we reach Lagunitas, I don't know exactly what to do about the keys. You will probably learn the probabilities when you get up there.

Another thing I forgot was to thank you for the financial barometer with statement as to Russian loans which you were good enough to send me a short time ago.

The snow is still deep here--in many places two feet or more on the sides of the streets, while the middle part of the street is in many cases bare or nearly so. It is raining today and the slush is entertaining both to foot passengers and car-drivers.

As ever yours,

Mr. Arch M. Gilbert,
411 Mills Building,
San Francisco, Calif.

February 11, 1920.

Dr. Frank M. Chapman,
Ormond, Florida.

Dear Chapman:

In a few days it is necessary for me to appoint the Local Committee of arrangements for the meeting of the American Society of Mammalogists, to be held in New York the first week in May. The Chairman of this Committee, it seems to me, should be a Museum man, and probably at least one other member should come from the Museum. Will you be good enough to let me know who you think would make the best Chairman, and add any other suggestions that may occur to you?

With best wishes, and congratulations to you and Mrs. Chapman on your escape from the severe snow blockade we have been having.

Very truly yours,

W. A. Lucas

February 11, 1920.

Dear Dr. Lucas:

When I wrote you (on January 28) asking you to accept the chairmanship of the Local Committee for the coming meeting of the American Society of Mammalogists, I was not aware that you were not a member; and although I enclosed a list of members furnished me by Jackson, I had not noticed that your name was not there. Please therefore accept my apologies.

No reply is necessary unless you have suggestions as to the proper representation of the Museum on this Committee.

With best wishes to you all,

Very truly yours,

W. A. Lucas

Dr. F. A. Lucas, Director
American Museum of Natural History,
New York City.

February 11, 1920.

Dr. E. M. Kindle, Chief
Division of Invertebrate Paleontology,
Geological Survey,
Ottawa, Canada.

My dear Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 4th inst. received today, I take pleasure in sending you a copy of my paper on 'Criteria for the Recognition of Species and Genera'.

I am pleased to note that you appear to agree with me in the position taken--which is quite a different attitude from that of some of your associates.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

February 11, 1920.

Dear Bailey:

In May 1917 I prepared, at your request, for publication in a forthcoming Department Atlas, two articles on life zones--one to accompany the North American map, the other to accompany the larger United States map--and at the same time gave you a memorandum concerning details of the maps which seemed to require correction.

As the Atlas in question was not published, you requested me a year later to prepare a brief bibliography of the more important papers relating to distribution. This I did and turned over to you in June or July 1918.

Can you tell me whether there is any likelihood that the articles and maps in question will be published in the near future?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Vernon Bailey,
U.S. Biological Survey,
Washington, D. C.

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February 11, 1920.

Dear Mr. Barnes:

Very many thanks for your courtesy and promptness in sending the maps. I congratulate you also on your memory.

The maps received are all the small scale maps. If you can spare copies of the large scale ones, I should greatly appreciate them. Those particularly needed are the Shasta, Trinity, Klamath, and California National Forests.

These Forest Service maps are, so far as I am aware, the only maps in existence on which I can plat the results of my field work.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,


Mr. Will C. Barnes,
U.S. Forest Service,
Dept. of Agriculture.

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February 11, 1920.

Arthur H. Clark Company,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sirs:

I am in receipt of the advance pages covering
the State of California from your American State History
Catalogue, for which I am obliged.

Please send me from this list No. 926,
Macdonald (Augustus S.) List of Books, California &
Pacific in library of, pp. 76, wrappers, Oakland 1903, \$1.75.

Very truly yours,

CHL:MG

C. HART MERRIAM

Per m-g.

February 12, 1920.

Mr. R. H. Ingram, Manager
Mt. Tamalpais & Muir Woods Railway,
Pacific Building,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 6th inst., I regret to say that I have no extra copies of my book entitled 'Dawn of the World', and the book is not for sale at any of the book stores of this city. I am therefore forwarding your letter to the publishers, Arthur H. Clark & Co., Cleveland, Ohio, who doubtless will send you a copy at once.

Very truly yours,

CHM:EG

February 14, 1920.

Mr. S. C. Bishop,
State Museum,
Albany, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Bishop:

Very many thanks for your letter of February 11. telling me that the Naples Wolf killed in December 1916 is a Coyote.

This is interesting, but still leaves much to be desired. The next question is, what Coyote is it, as there are several very distinct species of Coyotes. If it is not an 'escape' but a genuine easterly extension of range, the species is likely to be the original Canis latrans, the type locality of which was the Missouri River valley along the Nebraska-Iowa boundary. The only way to determine the species positively is by the skull, and this I fear is sealed up in the mounted specimen. However, I am greatly obliged for the measurements and other information you have contributed.

One of the saddest things connected with our study of the larger mammals is the melancholy circumstance that in a large proportion of cases the skulls are hidden in mounted specimens. In the case of the Bears, I have had a number of these removed and replaced by dummy skulls--a somewhat expensive proceeding, but one that has yielded important information otherwise unobtainable.

Thanking you for your trouble in the matter,

Very truly yours, *C. Hart Merriam*

February 14, 1920.

Dear Mr. Barnes:

Again I am indebted to you for the trouble you have taken in sending the large scale maps asked for of certain California National Forests.

I am mighty glad to have these, as they will help me out in work I am just now engaged upon.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Will C. Barnes,
U.S. Forest Service,
Washington, D. C.

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February 16, 1920.

Mr. J. M. McHugh, Secretary
University Museum,
33d & Spruce Sts.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of the 13th inst. in regard to procuring Mr. Culin's article 'A Summer Trip among the Western Indians.' Am enclosing herewith money order for 75 cents, and will be obliged if you will send me the three numbers of Vol. III of the Bulletin containing this article.

Very truly yours,

C. HART MERRIAM

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February 17, 1920.

Mr. Albert Britt,
Editor, Outing,
145 W 36th St.,
New York City.

My dear Sir:

Some people and some publications don't care a rap what they say, but when a man finds in 'Outing' a series of photographs of totem-poles from southeastern Alaska labeled "Family Trees of the Aleuts" he receives a shock that will require time for recovery.

It is difficult to understand why, out of the numerous peoples of the earth, the remote Aleuts were selected as the godfathers of these interesting carvings. If they had been labeled with the name of some tribe from the interior of Africa or that of the Fiji Islanders, the statement would doubtless prove equally interesting to many of your readers.

Very truly yours,


CHM:MB

February 17, 1920.

Mr. Elton Clark,
18 Postoffice Square,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Clark:

Mr. Nelson has asked me to write you with reference to a reasonably accessible locality from which Big Bears are desired. Sheldon spoke to me about this a few days ago, and we agreed that the strip of coast fronting the Fairweather Alps offers a most inviting field. We already have two or three puzzling skulls from Alsek Delta, but no adult male. But from the Alsek southeasterly all the way to Icy Strait we have absolutely nothing, and the region is known to be inhabited by Big Bears, probably Grizzlies.

For years I have tried to get skulls from this region, particularly from Lituya Bay where a number of Big Bears have been killed, but thus far have utterly failed. Lituya Bay is a dangerous place to enter at certain tides, as you doubtless know, but there are plenty of other places along this stretch of coast where one could land safely. When on the Harriman Expedition a number of us made a landing at a point where a corner of a glacier was uprooting some trees.

It certainly would be a great thing if you could bring home two or three skulls of adult males from this icy region.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

February 17, 1920.

Dr. Walter K. Fisher,
Biological Laboratory,
Monterey, Calif.

Dear Walter:

Did you ever hear of a place known as 'Salt Lagoon' in the general region about Monterey? If so, where is it? If you do not already know, will you kindly ask some of the old inhabitants? Some years ago I got some notes from an old Indian woman at Monterey who talked to me about 'Salt Lagoon'.

We were sorry to have only a brief glimpse of you last season, but hope for better luck during the coming summer. We are all well, and hope you are enjoying the same privilege.

With best wishes,

As ever yours,

CHM:MG

February 17, 1920.

Dear Doctor Grinnell:

The last number of the 'Condor' spells the Clark Nutcracker with an ~~a~~ on the end of Clark no less than four times (pp. 36, 39, 40, 1). Inasmuch as the bird was named after Capt. William Clark of the Lewis & Clark Expedition, isn't it pretty tough at this late day to continue misspelling his name?

Hastily yours,

Dr. Joseph Grinnell,
Museum of Vertebrate Zoology,
Berkeley, Calif.

February 18, 1920.

Dear Mr. Grosvenor:

Very many thanks for the bound volumes of the 'Geographic Magazine' for 1919 just received. I will take these to Lagunitas, as usual.

I wish to thank you also for a copy of your report on the affairs of the Society for the year 1919. To my mind it is an exceptionally important document, bristling with facts of interest to all who are interested in the growth and welfare of the Society; and viewed from another standpoint, the data it contains might well be utilized in a monument to your industry and success in building one of the most popular magazines in America, and at the same time establishing the Society on a remarkably firm financial basis.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

Robert H. Lowie
Mr. Gilbert Grosvenor, President
National Geographic Society,
Washington, D. C.

February 19, 1920.

Mrs. Helen J. Stewart,
Las Vegas, Nevada.

Dear Mrs. Stewart:

Your letter of the 12th inst. addressed to the Smithsonian Institution reached me this morning, and I am very glad to hear from you.

Ever since I renewed my acquaintance with you at the railway station several years ago, I have intended to stop off to see you and do a little work with the Indians in your neighborhood, but have been so busy with my work in California that I have not yet got around to it.

I shall be very glad to hear from you.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

February 19, 1920.

Dr. F. A. Lucas, Director
Am. Museum of Natural History,
New York City.

Dear Doctor Lucas:

Very many thanks for your letter of the 13th inst. I am particularly grateful for your suggestion as to members of the Local Committee for the coming meeting of the Society of Mammalogists.

Your previous letter to which you allude never reached me, or I should have replied at once. The date of the evening meeting might be left to the Local Committee, but should be held I think on Monday, May 3, or Tuesday, May 4, if a room will be available on either of those dates.

As both Andrews and Anthony seem to be away at present, I will write Nichols at once in the hope that he will do what is necessary pending the return of the others.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

February 19, 1920.

Mr. J. Treadwell Nichols,
Am. Museum of Natural History,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Nichols:

The date of the next meeting of the American Society of Mammalogists has been fixed for May 3, and it is expected that the meeting will last two days.

New York had been previously selected as the place of meeting, which is to be held presumably at the American Museum, if this will not conflict with other dates. An evening meeting should be arranged for, if practicable on Monday or Tuesday, preferably on Monday the 3d.

I have appointed Andrews, Anthony, and yourself as the Local Committee of Arrangements, with Andrews as Chairman, and hope that you will be willing to serve on the Committee and to do whatever may be necessary before Andrews' return, the date of which is unknown to me.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

C. Hartley Jackson

February 19, 1920.

Dr. Hartley H. T. Jackson,
Corresponding Secretary,
Am. Society of Mammalogists,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Jackson:

Acting on suggestions from officers of the American Museum, I have appointed Andrews, Anthony, and Nichols as Local Committee of Arrangements for the coming meeting, with Andrews as Chairman. As Andrews and Anthony appear to be absent at present, I have written Nichols asking him if he will kindly do whatever may be necessary until the return of the others.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

C. Hartley Jackson

February 19, 1920.

Dear Chapman:

Many thanks for your promptness in replying to my inquiry about suitable men for the Local Committee of Arrangements for the coming meeting of the Society of Mammalogists (beginning May 3). Have appointed Andrews, Anthony, and Nichols.

You certainly were fortunate in escaping the severe snow-storms and snow-blockades we have been having, even as far south as Washington, but nevertheless you seem to have had plenty of rain for the benefit of the Gulls and Scaups. It has been very cold here, and we envy you in your springlike surroundings and opportunity for uninterrupted work.

I am still pegging away, putting in about eight hours a day on my last year's California field work and accompanying maps. Hope to finish this soon, but it is a big job, as I did an unusual amount of field work.

With love from us all to Mrs. Chapman and yourself,

As ever yours

C. Hart Merriam

Dr. Frank M. Chapman.
Ormond, Florida.

February 19, 1920.

Mr. Tom R. Bee,

Carmacks, Yukon.

Dear Sir:

The three Grizzly skulls mentioned in your letter of December 20 reached us on January 30, and a check of \$31 in payment was sent you a short time ago.

Unfortunately, owing to the near exhaustion of the fund from which I have been purchasing Bear skulls, I shall not be able to pay as high prices as heretofore, particularly for skulls of immature Bears.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

C. Hart Merriam

February 19, 1920.

Mr. G. B. Edwards,
Bella Coola, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Your letters of January 2 and January 29 came duly and the skulls shipped up to January 2 have arrived. A check in payment for these, amounting to \$38, was sent to E. H. Edwards, Bella Coola, B. C., a short time ago. The skull mentioned in your letter of January 29 has not yet arrived but may come any day.

Some tags are enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

February 19, 1920.

Mr. A. H. Twitchell,
Flat, Alaska.

Dear Mr. Twitchell:

Very many thanks for your interesting letter of December 14 just received. I am mighty glad to have your account of the killing of the big male Grizzly.

I was glad also on returning from California to find the several Bear skulls you had sent to the Biological Survey. In payment for these a check of \$72 was sent you from my account in the Smithsonian a short time ago.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

February 19, 1920.

Mr. H. Moses,
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Recently I have examined the five lots of skulls received from you on November 7, November 14, November 28, December 20, and January 30, in all 55 skulls, amounting to \$444, a check for which was sent you from my account in the Smithsonian a short time ago, and which will probably reach you before this letter.

Owing to the near exhaustion of the fund from which I have been purchasing Bear skulls for several years past, I shall have to discontinue further purchases except in the case of a few exceptionally fine old males, and especially from localities on the mainland, and cannot in any case pay the high prices that I have heretofore paid.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

I would be interested to know how the big Bear you spoke of managed to get drunk.

C.H.M.

February 19, 1920.

Mr. G. W. Palmer,
Snug Harbor, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The four Bear skulls you sent us sometime ago from Chisik Island and Cottonwood Creek arrived the last day of January, and a check of \$43 in payment was sent you direct from the Smithsonian a short time ago, and should reach you in the same mail with this letter.

Owing to the near exhaustion of the fund from which I have been purchasing Bear skulls, I shall have to discontinue the purchase of young skulls and cannot pay as much as before even for the large males, which I very much regret.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

C. Hart Merriam

Replying to the question in your letter of Oct. 24th, would say that I am not able to purchase skins of Bears, owing to the cost of such specimens.

February 19, 1920.

Mr. Vincent D. Linsell,
Ketchikan, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Not having had any reply to my letter of January 15 addressed to you at Hotel Butler, Seattle, I am transmitting a copy herewith, as follows:

"On returning to Washington from California a short time ago, I found your letters of October 7 and 12 awaiting attention. Owing to incorrect address, they had been a long time in transit.

"The skulls mentioned I found at the National Museum day before yesterday. There were no labels attached to them, and you do not state where the Bears were killed, for which reason the specimens are utterly worthless to us. If you can tell me just where each one was killed, I shall be glad to purchase them. One is a fully-adult female, another a younger female (apparently in the 4th year), the third a cub."

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

C. Hart Merriam

I shall be glad to hear from you -

February 19, 1920.

Mr. Hardy Trelzger,
Yakutat, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Sometime ago we received a batch of skulls from you, but have not had any letter from you about them. They footed up to \$66, a check for which was sent you a short time ago from my account in the Smithsonian Institution.

In case you send any more skulls, please write me a letter at the same time, telling how many you have sent, and ship the skulls as before, addressed U.S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

C. Hart Merriam

February 19, 1920.

Mr. George Peterson,
Sitka, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

On my return from California, I received your letter giving the needed data for the skulls previously received. A check in payment (amounting to \$39) was sent you from my account in the Smithsonian a short time ago.

Owing to the near exhaustion of the fund from which I have been purchasing Bear skulls, I shall have to discontinue the purchase of young skulls and cannot pay as much as before even for the large males, which I very much regret.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

February 19, 1920.

Mr. J. T. McMullin,
Taos, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

On returning from California about the first of the year, I found the skull of a she-Grizzly from Sawmill Park which you were kind enough to send to the Biological Survey. A check of \$10 in payment was sent you from my account in the Smithsonian a short time ago, and I trust reached you safely.

In case you secure any additional skulls of Grizzlies, particularly those of old males, I shall be glad to purchase them.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

February 19, 1920.

Mr. E. M. Axelson,
Yakutat, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

On January 15 I wrote you, sending the letter to Cordova, Alaska, but fearing that perhaps you will not receive the letter, I am transmitting the following copy:

"On December 27 we received from you 5 skulls of Grizzly Bears labeled Cordova, Alaska, but no letter has arrived. Unfortunately, the two skulls of adult males are both injured, one by having the base and left side of the brain case shot away, the other by having the crest on top broken off, so that their value is considerably less than if they had been perfect. A check of \$49 in payment will be sent you from my account in the Smithsonian Institution in the near future."

The check mentioned above was sent to Yakutat, and you have no doubt received it before this.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

C. Hall-Merriam

February 19, 1920.

J. C. Pitts, Esq.,
Windermere, B. C.

Dear Sir:

On December 26 a small Grizzly skull arrived at the Biological Survey by parcel post, stamped "Invermere, B. C., December 12." The specimen was not labeled, and we could find no mark on the outside to indicate who shipped it.

Inasmuch as you sent us skulls in 1915 and 1918, I am writing to ask if you sent this one. If so, and you will kindly tell me where and when it was killed, I shall be glad to purchase it.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

C. Hall-Merriam

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February 19, 1920.

Mr. Oscar T. Landry,
Bella Coola, B. C.

Dear Sir:

After writing you on January 15, another fine skull of a male Grizzly arrived from you, for which I added \$24 to the amount of the previous account, making \$119 instead of \$95, a check for which was sent you some little time ago and should have arrived before this.

Unfortunately, the fund from which I have been purchasing Bear skulls is nearly exhausted, so that in future I shall not be able to pay such high prices, which I very much regret.

Very truly yours,

C. Hartman

CHM:MG

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February 20, 1920.

Dear Mr. Hildreth:

Very many thanks for your kindness in sending me the post route maps of Alaska and California, both of which have arrived in perfect condition. They will be of great help to me in my work.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

E. M. Hildreth

Mr. D. M. Hildreth, Topographer
Postoffice Department,
Washington, D. C.

February 21, 1920.

A. H. Clark Company,
Caxton Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sirs:

Thanks for your list (N-2821) of Nevada items,
from which please send me, with bill, the following:

1. Preliminary Report upon reconnaissance through
Southern & Southeastern Nevada in 1869 by Lt. Geo. M.
Wheeler and Lt. D. W. Lockwood, 77 pp. 1875. \$1.50
2. Preliminary Report concerning Exploration &
Surveys principally in Nevada & Arizona 1871, under Lt.
Geo. M. Wheeler. Fold. map, 96 pp., 1872 \$1.40

Very truly yours,

C. HART MERRIAM

Per

On Feb. 11 we requested you to send us Augustin S.
MacDonald's List of Books, Calif. & Pacific in library of,
1903, \$1.75, but have had no reply from you nor have we
received the book. If possible, I should be glad if you would
send me this book also.

CHM

Feb. 20, 1920

Hudson Book Co.
25 West 42d St
New York City

Dear Sirs:

Thanks for Catalogue 75.

In addition to Nos. 68b, 68c, and 72, ordered by wire
this morning, I shall be obliged if you will kindly send me on
approval, to be returned at once if not wanted, the following:

20. Brucknow & Ehrenberg, Account Hist. &c Sonora Expl. &
Mining Co. 1859.
- 24 Heintzelman, Possessions & Prospects, Sonora Mining Co. 1857.
- 68a. Marlette, Day, & Goddard, Repts. Immigrant Wagon Road
Expls. Sierra Nevada. Sacramento, 1856.
200. Semale, Les Indiens des Etats Unis. Paris 1869.
442. Blake, Nevada. 1864.
699. Smith, Indians, Rockies to Pacific Coast. 1896.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. P. A. Taverner,
Geological Survey,
Ottawa, Canada.

February 24, 1920.

Dear Mr. Taverner:

Pardon my delay in replying to your last letter, with enclosed copy of your revised article entitled 'The Test of the Subspecies.' The new article, if you will pardon me for saying, is expressed very much better than the preceding one, and states the differences between our points of view very fairly. In other words, it is a much better article in every way.

I am glad that you left out the reference to 'mutant' forms, but am sorry to see that you are still sticking to the theory of degree of fertility between groups as a guide to specific distinction. This, to my mind, is harping back to the dark ages before the contrary had been proved over and over again.

You say you do not know what I mean by "nature abhorring a hybrid." Did you ever stop to think how extremely rare hybrids are in a state of nature, and did it never occur to you that if this were not true--if species in convenient contact interbred freely, as it has been proved over and over again they are capable of doing--no such thing as a species could possibly exist. Do not these simple facts prove that nature abhors a hybrid?

As to the main point at issue, agreement seems hopeless. The case assumes some of the aspects of a religious controversy, where one's previous education predetermines his belief, which is not open to change by argument.

I am very glad that you have rewritten your article, and appreciate your courtesy in sending it to me, as well as the kindly tone of your letter.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 24, 1920.

Dear Mr. Nichols:

Thanks for your prompt reply. I am obliged to you for accepting membership on the Local Committee for the coming meeting of the Society of Mammalogists, and for setting the ball a-rolling.

I am glad to know that the other members of the Committee are to return so soon, and that Murphy also is expected to arrive in the near future. He might be added to the Committee if Andrews, Anthony, and yourself deem this desirable.

With best wishes, and thanks,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. J. Treadwell Nichols,
Am. Museum of Natural History,
New York City.

February 24, 1920.

Prof. Joseph Jastrow,
Madison, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 19th inst., would say, without going into details, that I greatly regret that a man of Sir Oliver Lodge's standing should have been so far misled by charlatans and fanatics as to say the things recently accredited to him.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

C. Hart Merriam

February 24, 1920.

Mr. William J. Gerhard,
2005 Brandywine St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your Catalogue No. 65 for February 1920.

I shall be obliged if you will send me, with bill, No. 4, listed therein--R. M. Ballantyne's Hudson's Bay: or every-day life in the wilds of N. Amer., 3d ed., London 1859, \$1.00.

Very truly yours,

C. HART MERRIAM

Per

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February 24, 1920.

Mr. Harry Garbitt,

Hudsons Hope, B. C.

My dear Sir:

Your letter of January 3 came a few days ago. I had already written you about the receipt of the skulls (letter dated Jan. 15), a check of \$38 in payment of which should have reached you by this time.

I am delighted to know that you have actually secured the skull of a male Grizzly from the Nelson River country, and hope you will succeed in obtaining others. I am anxious to see skulls from that region, and hope you will send on the skull you now have as soon as opportunity offers.

Thanking you for your interest in the matter,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart

CHM:MG

February 25, 1920.

Mr. Edwin H. Steedman,
St. Louis, Missouri.

My dear Sir:

Your Bear skull has just arrived, and is a superb specimen--a much appreciated addition to our splendid collection. I will have it cleaned as soon as possible so that I may compare it with our other skulls from the Stikine region. I am obliged for the measurement of the skin (in your letter of the 2d inst.) and should be glad of the photograph of the mounted skin of which you speak.

If you carry out your plan of visiting the Alaska Peninsula during the spring, I should appreciate data as to the measurements, before skinning, of the Bears killed (especially total length from end of nose to tip of tail in a straight line, height at shoulder from sole of front foot, and length of sole of hind foot from tip of claws to heel); also notes on the contents of the stomachs; and any photographs you may have the good fortune to take.

Two species of large Bears inhabit the entire length of the Alaska Peninsula: Ursus kimmeri, a big Bear about the size of Rocky Mountain Grizzlies, and the huge Ursus gyas, which rivals in size the big Kadiak Bear, Ursus middendorffi.

B.H.3.--2.

Skulls of all Bears are always thankfully received for our National Collection, particularly those of adult males. Other animals desired from Alaska Peninsula are: Peregrines, Arctic Hares, and Lemmings. Permits for collecting specimens for scientific purposes may be obtained through E. W. Nelson, Chief U.S. Biological Survey.

Thanking you again for your valuable addition to the collection, and with best wishes,

Very truly yours,

CH:MG

C. Hart Merriam -

Mr. Philip B. Stewart,
Colorado Springs, Colorado.

My dear Mr. Stewart:

Replying to your letter of the 19th inst., just received, would say that I take pleasure in mailing you herewith a copy of my 'Preliminary Revision of the Pumas' published in 1901, along with a description of another sub-species described later. Unfortunately, I do not know where a copy of my 'Mammals of the Adirondacks' may be obtained, as it has been out of print for many years.

The job you have undertaken, to prepare a work on the habits of the Cougars throughout their range in North and South America, is a pretty big contract, but one well worth the doing. The materials you seek are widely scattered and can only be found by arduous search in works and magazines relating to animal life, hunting, and out-of-door sports.

The files of Forest & Stream, Outdoor Life, Rod & Gun, Outing, Recreation, Rod & Gun in Canada, Field & Stream, Oregon Sportsman, and many others contain matter on the habits of our eastern Panther and western Mountain Lion so-called. A good deal of material relating to the destruction of farm stock by Cougars has been published in the Canadian official publications on game animals, particularly in British Columbia.

February 25, 1920.

P.B.S.--2.

A statement of the enormous amounts paid in bounties by some of the states for the destruction of these animals would be of interest. Sums spent in California for this purpose are amazingly large, the amount of which may be had from the California Fish and Game Commission.

The South American material will be harder to find, but I would suggest searching works of exploration and travel in that continent.

These are only a few suggestions that occur to me off-hand, but in looking up the references you will run across numerous others--enough to keep you busy for many months if you stick to the trail.

There is just one more matter which I would like to speak of, it's this: When writing of the mammals of the Adirondacks, I was inclined to ridicule the "scream of the Panther," a beast which in that particular region had become extremely wary and averse to advertising his whereabouts; but in the West I have several times heard Mountain Lions scream, and once, at least, very close by.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

C. Hart Merriam

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February 25, 1920.

Eastman Kodak Company,
Rochester, N. Y.

Dear Sirs:

I am sending herewith, by insured mail, three
rolls of six exposures each of Brownie No. 2 films, and
shall be obliged if you will develop same and send me one
print each, with bill.

If you do commercial enlarging, please send
rates.

Very truly yours,

E. H. Eastman

CHM:MG

February 26, 1920.

Mr. S. J. Wigley,
1117 Pender West,
Vancouver, B. C.

My dear Sir:

A batch of photographs from you, accompanied by a label stating that the prints are 10cts each, reached me this morning, for which I am obliged.

I am retaining 17 of the prints, for which a money order of \$1.70 is enclosed herewith, and am returning the remaining seven.

I shall be very glad if you will kindly tell me where the photographs were taken, for without this information they are worthless to me. Those I have retained are:

Chipmunk, 2 prints	Flying Squirrel, 2 prints
Coon 2 prints	Whitefooted Mouse
Porcupine	Garter Snake
Mink	Young Flicker or Yellowhammer
Skunk	Young Bitterns
Red Squirrel	Foxes 2 prints

If you remember where the photographs were taken, and will kindly write the name of the locality after each name of the individual photograph on the accompanying sheet and return same to me, I shall be greatly obliged.

Shall always be glad to see your photographs of animals, particularly of mammals, and am obliged to you for sending these. But in future kindly write the name of the locality on the back of each print.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 26, 1920.

Dr. J. C. Merriam,
Chairman, Executive Committee,
Save the Redwoods League,
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Doctor Merriam:

Your notice of an important meeting of the Redwoods League to be held tomorrow, February 27, at the Automobile Show in the presence of a hundred thousand motorists, stirs my heart and causes a deep lament that owing to the unfavorable condition of my flying-machine at the present moment, I shall be unable to be on hand. This I regret exceedingly. You have my best wishes, and I most earnestly hope that the meeting will prove a great success and bear fruit for the cause.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

February 27, 1920.

Dear Arch:

Your letter came yesterday, and the package has now arrived, for which I am properly thankful. You are a man after my own heart, for the way you packed and addressed the package left nothing to be desired. Sorry to have caused you so much trouble, but thankful that you produced the goods. As a matter of fact, you have sent everything that I wanted except that Sacramento map sheet which is still a mystery. I was sure I put it in Elizabeth's trunk, but it didn't show up with the others.

Now, as to that dreadful New-woo'-wah vocabulary: the name has no alias, so I could not-blame it on one of the others. Hence, on receipt of your letter I dug into the vocabulary file-case and pulled out my original New-woo'-wah document. On examining it, I find that it is the very one that I had at Lagunitas and to which I made additions last season. In other words, Angie never made a copy, and there never was a copy at Lagunitas--only the original. Zenaida has just verified this by looking at her record which states that the original was taken to Lagunitas last summer. Sorry again to have put you to the trouble of hunting for something that was not there, but am much relieved to find that I have it. All of which is another reminder that I am what some of our Indian friends call Him-o-hil'-che, which means "He is getting too old."

A.M.G.--2.

Furthermore, I am thankful to you for sending the complete list of the vocabularies remaining at Lagunitas. I had intended to make such a list myself, but that last day was too much for me, and I had to come away without it. Zenaida had worked one out by back action checking of our records of those copied and those brought back, but it was not a sure thing like yours. I hope you did not put your eyes out trying to read those names in the dark. The reason the Pa-we-nan folder was empty is that it is an abbreviation for Nis-sim-pa-we-nan, which you found in its proper envelope.

The maps you sent are exactly the ones I wanted, and I am awfully glad to have them.

Your assurance that the Martinellis will not pull out before fall anyway relieves our minds. We are glad that they have sawed up some stove-wood. Probably they will put it in the wood-house later. Glad also that you found nothing wrong about the place, and that you succeeded in pulling down a little rain, even if it did make you step lively for a while.

So there seems nothing more to bother you about just now, except to explain who you mean by "Little Bright Eyes," and what business she had at the wheel!

Gratefully yours,

Mr. Arch. M. Gilbert,
411 Mills Building,
San Francisco, Calif.

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March 1, 1920.

Hudson Book Company.
25 W 42d St.,
New York City.

Dear Sirs:

Have you gone out of business, or what has happened
that you have not paid the least attention to my telegram
of February 20th or my letter of the same date, ordering
books from your Catalogue No. 75?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart American

CHM:MG

March 2, 1920.

Mr. W. I. Adams, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Adams:

Herewith I am enclosing my expense account for
February amounting to \$34.02, and vouchers as per accompanying
list, which I shall be obliged if you will kindly pay as usual
from the Harriman fund.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Accompanying Vouchers

J. W. Scollick, cleaning skulls \$40.00
Z. Merriam, services as asst. 52.50
Library Bureau, 2M 4x6 cards 8.40

Bear Skulls: 5.00
G. B. Edwards 22.00
Herbert Lee 13.00
Mackay & Dippie

Rent, Office Apartment for March 71.50
Telephone 2.30

C. Hart Merriam

Northumberland Apartment, Washington, D. C.

Subvoucher

February Expense Account

1920 Feb. 3	The Cadmus Book Shop, 'Life & Times of Sutter'	1	1 38
4	Williams & Wilkins Co., reprints Journ. Mammalogy	2	4 75
10	Proc. Am. Philosophical Society		2 00
13	Lowdermilk & Co., Fish Com. Report (1872-3)	3	2 50
16	R.P. Andrews, 1 M blue typewriting paper	4	2 40
16	Philadelphia Museum, Culin's 'Summer Trip Among Western Indians'		78
16	February 'Forest & Stream'		20
17	Typewriter & Office Supply Co., 100 Manila envelopes	5	1 25
18	Chas. G. Stott & Co:		
	500 ruled index cards	6	1 13
	1 ream white typewriting paper	7	2 50
20	Am. Ry. Express, charges on MS from San Francisco	8	98
27	Underwood Typewriter Co., Adjusting & installing parts of Underwood machine	9	1 20
	Telegram to Hudson Book Co. for books		49
28	Ink pad for rubber stamp .35; car tickets .25; pencils & pen points .30; thread & twine .25; 3 in 1 oil .25		1 40
	Stamps & stamped envelopes		3 36
	Charwoman for cleaning office during Feb.	10	5 00
	Janitor service		1 50
	Electric current to Jan. 24	11	1 20
			34 02

---Thirty-four---

---two---

34.02

C. Hart Merriam

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G. B. Edwards

Bella Coala, B. C.

1920
Feb. 17

1 skull of young male Grizzly from Atnarko region

5 00

5 00

-----Five-----

-----no-----

5.00

E. Hart Merriam

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Zenaida Merriam

1919 16th St., Washington, D. C.

1920
Feb. 28

To services as Assistant, 15 days

3.50 52 50

52 50

-----Fifty-two-----

-----fifty-----

52.50

E. Hart Merriam

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J. W. Scollick

U.S.National Museum, Washington, D. C.

1920
Feb. 28

To cleaning 80 Bear skulls

.50 40 00

40 00

-----Forty-----

-----no-----

40.00

C. Hart Museum

400

Herbert Lee

Tenakee, Alaska

February Expense Account (1920)

1920
February

2 Grizzly skulls from Chichagof Island:

1 old male

18 00

1 young male

4 00

22 00

-----Twenty-two-----

-----no-----

22.00

C. Hart Museum

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Mackay & Dippie

Banff, B. C.

1920
Feb. 26

2 skulls of Grizzlies from near Ice River, B.C.:

1 adult skull (female)

1 young male

8 00

5 00

13 00

-----Thirteen-----

-----no-----

13.00

C. Hartman

March 3, 1920.

Dr. W. Cuthbert Holmes,
Millstream,
Nr. Victoria, B. C.

My dear Sir:

On returning from the season's field work in California more than a month ago, I found among matters referred to me by the U.S. Geographic Board (of which I am Chairman) a copy of your important pamphlet entitled "The Science of English Spelling," of which I should be very glad to possess a personal copy if you still have copies to spare.

I am interested in the subject from two quite different points of view: one, the correct spelling of geographic names; the other, the correct English notation of Indian words, as I am constantly engaged in taking vocabularies of Indian tribes.

Our Geographic Board is governed largely by local usage, and therefore often adopts spellings which seem to us not the best.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

C. Hart Merriam

March 3, 1920.

Mr. E. B. Gardner,
San Geronimo, Calif.

Dear Mr. Gardner:

Many thanks for your letter of the 24th inst., telling me that there is nothing in the rumor that a Mountain Lion had been visiting the neighborhood of Woodacre. I had heard that a couple of calves had been killed by this mythical monster. It turns out like many of the wolf stories that I have run down during the last 25 years.

It is a pity that we cannot even up the climate on the two sides of the continent. We have been having snow and rain--mainly snow--all winter until the last two or three days, while you seem to be having the driest winter on record. We were glad to see by the papers that there has been a little rain in the Bay Region recently, and hope that more will follow before it is too late. The drouth must be mighty hard on range stock.

We are expecting a visit from our daughter Dorothy with her little girl about the middle of the month, to which Grandma Merriam is looking forward with eager anticipation. We will not say anything about Grandpa in this connection! Mrs. Merriam and Zenaida join with me in kindest regards to you all.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 3, 1920.

Dr. Joseph Grinnell,
Museum of Vertebrate Zoology,
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Doctor Grinnell:

Your letter of the 24th sets me to wondering.

In the matter of the spelling of Clark's name, you say that Coues contended for the simpler spelling. Is it a matter of contention to advocate the spelling of a man's name in the proper way--the way in which he and his family write it? And because the final proof-reader of the A.O.U. Check List blundered in adding an a to Clark's name, is that any reason for perpetuating the error?

You ask if I would recommend departing from A.O.U. usage in matters generally: To this I would reply that I would always depart from any one's usage when said usage involves a manifest error; and furthermore, that having wandered from my early theological training, I am not a worshiper of Almighty God either in the form of an intangible ether or of an A.O.U. Check List. Neither would I accept the A.O.U.'s possessive forms of personal names, nor would I follow in certain common English names which I believe to be wrong.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

March 3, 1920.

Dr. W. K. Fisher,
Hopkins Marine Station,
Pacific Grove, Calif.

Dear Walter:

Many thanks for your letter of February 25, just received. In the matter of Salt Lagoon, I probably conveyed the impression that it is too near Monterey. As a matter of fact, it may be at some distance, as the Indians living there were given a different tribal name from those at Monterey. I shall be glad to learn if you find out where it is.

The latter part of your letter delights me very much, as my human side is weak enough to be tickled by your confession that you agree with me in accepting degree of difference instead of intergradation, real or imaginary, as a guide for the determination of species and genera. Your personal action in the matter is a strong argument on our side. Witmer Stone agrees with us also, but Joseph Grinnell and Oberholser, I regret to say, are on the other side of the fence.

Uncle Henry is about to undergo his seventieth birthday, and it is rumored that the old gang is to give him a surprise party at his rooms in the Ontario tomorrow evening, on which occasion I expect to shake hands with your justly celebrated paternal ancestor for the first time this winter.

With best wishes,

As ever yours,

CHM:MG

C. Hart Merriam

March 3, 1920.

Col. Lester Jones, Superintendent
U.S. Coast & Geodetic Survey,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly send me for official use two copies each of your new base maps of the United States, noticed in 'Science' of February 27--one entitled a 'Lambert Zenithal equal area projection', the other a 'Lambert Conformal Conic projection.'

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam

Chairman, U.S. Geographic Board

CHM:MG

March 3, 1920.

Mr. Horace M. Albright,
Superintendent,
Yellowstone National Park.

My dear Mr. Albright:

One of the sportsman's magazines recently received has a page or two of reproductions of photographs taken by you in Yellowstone National Park. One of these, the print of which I am enclosing herewith, interests me particularly, as it shows to unusual advantage the striking conspicuousness of the white rump-patches of a batch of Elk.

I am writing to ask therefore if you could let me have a good print of this photograph, the cost of which I shall be only too glad to remit.

In your present position you must have unusual opportunities for observing the habits of the larger game animals, and must have laid in a stock of interesting information, which I hope you will put on record from time to time.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 3, 1920.

Mr. Ernest Kirberger,

Kake, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Owing to the near exhaustion of the fund from which I have been purchasing Bear skulls, I shall not be able to continue much longer, and am obliged at once to cut down the prices paid. Hereafter, for perfect skulls of fully-adult male Grizzlies, I shall not be able to pay more than \$12; for fully-adult females \$6; for young of various ages \$2 to \$4.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart

CHM:MG

March 3, 1920.

Mr. Wm. Kaiser,

Seward, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Owing to the near exhaustion of the fund from which I have been purchasing Bear skulls, I shall not be able to continue much longer, and am obliged at once to cut down the prices paid. Hereafter, for perfect skulls of fully-adult male Grizzlies, I shall not be able to pay more than \$12; for fully-adult females \$6; for young of various ages \$2 to \$4.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart

CHM:MG

March 3, 1920.

Mr. W. H. Case,
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Owing to the near exhaustion of the fund from which I have been purchasing Bear skulls, I shall not be able to continue much longer, and am obliged at once to cut down the prices paid. Hereafter, for perfect skulls of fully-adult male Grizzlies, I shall not be able to pay more than \$12; for fully-adult females \$6; for young of various ages \$2 to \$4.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MC

March 3, 1920.

Mackay & Dippie,
Calgary, Alberta.

Dear Sirs:

The two Grizzly Bear skulls mentioned in your letter of February 16 arrived last week. Unfortunately, they are not so valuable as you supposed, one being an adult female worth \$8, the other a young male, only about half adult, worth \$5. A check of \$13 in payment will be sent you in a few days from my account in the Smithsonian.

In the previous batch of five Grizzly skulls received from you, along with four skulls of Blacks, I find one of the Grizzly skulls matched up with the jaw of a very different Bear. I suppose you do not remember anything about this.

As to prices: Hereafter, I shall not be able to pay as high prices as heretofore. Fully adult males are the ones needed for determining the characters of the species. Females are much less valuable, and immature skulls of almost no value except for the teeth. Many of these young Bears are so large that when killed they are supposed to be adult, but their skulls show that they are only three or four years old, and have not yet acquired adult characters. The bulk of our Collection consists of skulls of this kind. Hereafter, except in the case of skulls from unusually important localities, the maximum prices paid will be: for fully-adult males \$15; fully-adult females \$8; young and immature Bears \$3 to \$5.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 3, 1920.

Mr. Herbert Lee,
Tenakee, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of October 11, mentioning the shipment of two Bear skulls, came while I was still in California, as I did not return until about Christmas.

On returning, I went to the Museum to examine the skulls received during my absence, but did not find yours for the reason that they were then at the cleaner's. They have now come back, and I have just seen them.

The damaged skull (the smaller one of the two) labeled Tenakee Inlet is that of a young male, valued at \$4; the other, the one from Seal Bay, is a fine old male which I have priced at \$18, making \$22 in all, a check for which will be sent you in a few days.

Hereafter, I shall not be able to pay more than \$15 for the best old males; \$7 or \$8 for old females; and \$3 or \$4 for young of different ages. These young skulls predominate throughout the Collection, and are almost valueless except for the teeth, as they have not yet assumed the characters of the full-grown males--which alone show the specific characters fully developed.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

C. Hart Merriam

March 3, 1920.

Mr. G. B. Edwards,
Bella Coola, B. C.

Dear Sir:

The Grizzly skull mentioned in your letter of January 29 has now arrived, and I have just examined it. It is a young male, only a three-year-old, and therefore worth only \$5, a check for which will be sent you in a few days.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

C. Hart Merriam

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March 3, 1920.

Mr. Elbert Duryea,
Iliamna, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Owing to the near exhaustion of the fund from which I have been purchasing Bear skulls, I shall not be able to continue much longer, and am obliged at once to cut down the prices paid. Hereafter, for perfect skulls of fully-adult male Brown Bears, I shall not be able to pay more than \$12; for fully-adult females \$6; for young of various ages \$2 to \$4.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

March 4, 1920.

Mr. John Wetherill,
Kayenta, Arizona.

My dear Sir:

Many thanks for your letter of February 16 in reply to my inquiry about Indian boundaries.

I am glad to have the information you have given me concerning the present location of certain Ute and Pahute bands, but what I particularly wanted was the location of the aboriginal boundary lines separating the territories of the Utes and Pahutes from one another and from the Navaho and Hopi. I realize of course that nowadays these old boundaries are little respected; at the same time, most of the old Indians know exactly where they were, and I am anxious to obtain this information.

If you can help me in the matter, I shall be greatly obliged.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

C. Hart Merriam

March 4, 1920.

Mr. L. E. Lavery,
Sherman Institute,
Eureka, Calif.

My dear Sir:

For many years I have been receiving the 'Sherman Bulletin,' and am always glad when it comes. But I cannot remember having subscribed for it. I take the liberty therefore to enclose my check for \$5 as a small contribution to the publication fund, in evidence of my appreciation.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

C. Hart Merriam

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March 4, 1920.

Terry M. Townsend, Esq.,
Kane Lodge,
46 W. 24th St.,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of 1st inst., inviting
me to be present at the Centennial Celebration of the
birth of Dr. Elisha Kent Kane. Unfortunately, I shall
not be able to be with you.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

March 5, 1920.

Col. H. C. Rizer,
Geological Survey,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Colonel Rizer:

I shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly
send me one copy each of the following bulletins:

691-H, Geology & Oil Prospects of Salinas Valley, Calif.

711-C, Peat in Dismal Swamp, Va.

687, The Kantishna Region, Alaska.

Also if practicable, two copies each of the maps mentioned
on the accompanying list, for official use.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

C. Hart Merriam
Chairman, U.S. Geographic Board

Washington, D. C.
March 5, 1920.

LIST OF MAPS DESIRED FOR OFFICIAL USE (2 copies each)
By C. Hart Merriam, 1919 16th St. *Washington*

Arizona-New Mexico; Chiricahua
Arizona State Map (2 sheets), scale 1"=8 miles
Washington; Mt. St. Helens, scale 1"=2 miles

California:

King City
Raynor Creek
Junipero Serra
Paso Robles
Orestimba
San Simeon
Bradley
Bryson
San Benito

West side Sacramento Valley:
Walker Creek
Kurand
Logan Creek
Sites
Fairview

(National Parks & Monuments)

General Grant Nat'l. Park
Lassen Volcanic "
Muir Woods

(Special Maps & Sheets)

Point Conception
Sacramento Valley (single sheet)
Sacramento Valley (16-sheet)
Salinas Valley, Sheet 2 (*sheet 1 & 3 not sent*)
Salton Sink
Santa Barbara
Southern California - *sent*
Colorado River valley, Calif.-Ariz. (4 sheets)
Goleta
Indian Valley
Indio
Kern River Oil Field
Los Angeles (*2 sheets sent*)
Marysville Buttes & vicinity
Mother Lode district
Needles, Ariz.-Calif.

Nevada:

Ely special

All received except Muir Woods

Gen. Grant Nat'l Park

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March 4, 1920.

Prof. F. H. Knowlton,
U.S. National Museum,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Professor Knowlton:

Today I have received from the Geological Survey your Catalogue of the Mesozoic and Cenozoic Plants of North America. While not exactly in my line, it nevertheless interests me, and will give me a broader view of the distribution and evolution of a number of plant genera, particularly of trees and shrubs with which I am personally familiar.

It has been a big piece of work--has doubtless occupied much of your time for years--and I congratulate you heartily on its completion.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

APIH

March 5, 1920.

Mr. C. S. Sloane, Secretary,
U. S. Geographic Board,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Sloane:

At the meeting of the Geographic Board yesterday,
it was announced that Mr. McCormick, Editor of Maps, had been
appointed in Marshall's place as the representative of the
Survey on the Board, and Mr. McCormick was present at the
meeting. I therefore asked Mr. McCormick to serve as a
member of the Executive Committee in place of Marshall, resigned,
and he accepted.

Very truly yours,

CHL:MG

C. S. Sloane

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March 5, 1920.

Dr. R. M. Anderson,
Geological Survey,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Doctor Anderson:

Thanks for the additional information about James Macoun. I have written a notice for the Journal of Mammalogy, and am returning the clippings herewith. The second number of the Journal was already in press before I heard from you.

From the clippings, the day of Macoun's death is not quite clear to me. Was it January 7?

There is no hurry about the Arctic Grizzly, as I am still swamped with the results of last season's field work.

At the end of your letter you say something that interests me very much, and emboldens me to make further inquiry. You say that the Copper Eskimos will be bringing Bear skins with skulls to the traders for years to come. How can I get in touch with these traders so as to purchase the skulls from them? Can you give me the addresses of any of them?

Very truly yours,
E. M. Lavett

CHM:MG

March 6, 1920.

Dr. Stephen T. Mather, Director
National Park Service,
Department of Interior,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Mather:

Very many thanks for your kindness in sending me Mr. Albright's elk photograph of which I begged a copy a few days ago. It is to me a particularly interesting picture.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

C. Hart Merriam

March 6, 1920.

Mr. Laurence M. Huey,

Ojai, Calif.

Dear Mr. Huey:

It has taken me some time to pick out my mammal separates for which you asked. I have finally done so however, and they are now going to you by express, prepaid.

If you will let me know what numbers of North American Fauna are lacking in your set, I may be able to supply some of them.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

C. Hart Merriam

March 6, 1920.

Dr. Charles D. Walcott,
Secretary, Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Walcott:

Can you send me a copy of the 33d Annual Report of the Bureau of Ethnology (for 1911-1912)? I have not received this report, but have just seen a copy and find in it a paper by Gilmore of North Dakota which is of much interest.

I should be glad also if you can send me a copy of Bulletin 5, Archeological Explorations in Northeastern Arizona, by Kidder and Guernsey.

And if the Smithsonian still has copies to spare, I should appreciate the following:

- No. 1616. Boas, Decorative Designs of Alaska, July 1908
- No. 1627. Gidley, Two New Pleistocene Ruminants, Sept. 1908
- No. 1633. Lyon, Mammals Eastern Sumatra, Sept. 1908
- No. 1456. Hares & Their Allies
- No. 1525. Traps of American Indians (1901)
- No. 1291. Musk Ox in Captivity
- No. 2398. Breeding of the Arctic Fox
- No. 2408. Dominian, Linguistic areas in Europe, 1915
- No. 2300. Hersey, List of Birds in Alaska & NE Siberia
- No. 2300. Hrdlicka, The Most Ancient Skeletal Remains of Man (2d. ed.) 1913

Very truly yours,

CHL:MG

March 8, 1920.

Taylor, Drury, Pedlar & Co.,

Whitehorse, Yukon.

Dear Sirs:

Your letter of the 18th inst. signed "I. Taylor" reached me this morning.

Replying to your inquiry about the purchase of Bear skulls, will state that owing to the near exhaustion of the fund from which I have been purchasing skulls, I am obliged to cut down very materially from now on. The prices that I will be able to pay during 1920 will not exceed the following: for old skulls of male Grizzlies in good condition from known localities, \$12 to \$15; fully adult females \$6 to \$8; young of various ages \$2 to \$4.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

C. Hartman

March 8, 1920.

Dear Mr. Grosvenor:

Your letter of the 6th inst. notifying me that I have been appointed a member of the committee to adopt resolutions in memory of Admiral Peary, and transmitting a copy of the proposed resolutions, has just been received.

In response to your request for criticism, would say that the resolution strikes me as a little long and a little too fulsome.

I do not agree to the statement that Peary's "contributions to our knowledge of the earth surpass those of any man of his time, and make him the peer of Hudson, Magellan, and Columbus." The Society cannot afford to make statements so manifestly untrue. And is it not a fact that the discoverers of the South Pole made vastly larger contributions to geographic knowledge than did the discoverer of the North Pole? And, personally, I would not describe the attainment of the North Pole as "the supreme victory."

The last paragraph preceding the preliminary resolution strikes me as a little overdone, and I have taken the liberty to alter it slightly:

Very truly yours,

Mr. Gilbert Grosvenor,
President, Nat'l. Geographic Society,
Washington, D. C.

Dr. Roland B. Dixon,
Peabody Museum,
Cambridge, Mass.

March 8, 1920.

Dear Doctor Dixon:

The time has finally arrived when I fear I shall have to bother you from time to time to answer a few questions. For more than 20 years, as I think you know, I have been working at different times among the various Indian tribes of California and Nevada, accumulating material slowly, a little at a time, checking and verifying as opportunity offers. Some of this material is now very nearly in final form, and as I am getting along in years, it seems important to finish it as early as may be.

It is now 22 years since I first worked in Shasta territory, but only during the last few years that I have made a special effort to complete my vocabulary and distributional material. I am neither inclined nor competent to make the profound grammatical studies which you and Kroeber are noted for, but I have given a good deal of time to the collection of vocabularies and of matter relating to animals and plants, and also to the names and locations of aboriginal villages and tribal boundaries. In collecting this, as well as other kinds of information, we all are victims of the personal equation of the informant, so that until the matter obtained from one Indian has been checked by another, I never feel very sure that it is correct. Hence, when we differ in our results, the differences must be due to our informants, not to ourselves. In some cases the errors are

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the result of a lack of complete understanding between the questioner and the person questioned, as you of course know from personal experience.

All this by way of introduction. Now, I want to take up some matters relating to the distribution of the Shaste and their villages. You place the Shaste-Karok intertribal boundary between Thompson Creek and Indian Creek, while my informants on both sides (both Shaste and Karok) place it at the mouth of Sciad Creek on the north side of Klamath River and at the mouth of Walker Creek on the south side. Sum-mi they gave me as the westernmost Shaste village. As a result, you have three villages on the north side and one on the south side attributed to Shastan territory, claimed by the northern Karok. Incidentally, the site for Happy Camp is on the wrong side of Klamath River. It should be on the west side just above the mouth of Indian Creek. Your Tcitatowaki at the mouth of Thompson Creek is called Sit-ip-koor by the Karok.

You put the name Tatsuk on Big Humbug Creek, but do not locate a village site. Did you intend this for a village name?

To save time for both of us, I have had your Shaste village names typewritten in the form of a list, with a few comments, which I am enclosing herewith. I have attempted to translate the names as given by you into ordinary English, and shall be obliged if you will kindly make any necessary corrections and comments, and return the list. I shall be obliged also if you will kindly refer me to the page of some of your publications in which your alphabet is given.

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You got several villages on Klamath River, two in Scott Valley, and one in Shasta Valley not obtained by me.

The Shaste village sites of which I have obtained the names and locations, and have platted ~~the locations~~ on large scale maps, are:

In Shasta and Yreka valleys.	25
In Scott Valley, including those on Scott River below the valley and on Moffit Creek above the floor of the valley.	34
On Klamath River, including those on Bogus Creek and northern Willow Creek (the Willow Creek that passes Ager).	70

Your map shows 11 not obtained by me (not counting the three west of Sun-mi which I refer to Karok). This makes 140 villages for the Shaste. Besides, I obtained the names and locations of 15 Ko-no-me-hoo rancherias on or near Salmon River, but will defer speaking of these until a later letter.

Is Ussoho the name of Stewart River or an unlocated village on Stewart River?

In the American Anthropologist, Vol. 10, No. 2, page 212, 1908, you say: "Manzanita berries were mixed with those of the skunk-brush." Do you by any chance happen to know what genus the skunk-brush belongs to? It is new to me.

Have you published your Shastan vocabularies except the few words given in the Anthropologist, Vol. 7, No. 2, pages 216-217, 1905?

Is not your term Okwanutchu a term for direction, meaning south people, rather than a definite name used for this tribe? I have not been able to obtain it as a tribal name. The Wintoon call this tribe Wi-muk, and say that their language

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was mixed. You doubtless have observed that the few words presumably of this language scattered through the exasperating writings of Joaquin Miller are practically straight Wintoon.

If you have published your vocabularies of the Midu, I have missed them, and should be greatly obliged for a reference, as I want to write you about them later.

I hate to bother a very busy man, but it now seems necessary in justice to both of us.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

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C. M. Miller

Am enclosing a tracing of the part of Klamath River referred to, which may refresh your memory in locating village sites.

Is the name of the rancheria at Jacksonville, Oregon, Ikwahawa or Ikwohawa? It is hard to read on your small scale map.


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March 8, 1920.

Mr. E. L. Paris, Acting Superintendent,
U.S. Coast & Geodetic Survey,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

Very many thanks for your courtesy and promptness
in sending me two copies each of the Survey's outline maps
of the United States on Lambert Zenithal Equal-area Projection
and Lambert Conic Conformal Projection.

Very truly yours,


CHM:MG

March 9, 1920.

Dr. C. G. Abbot, Home Secretary,
National Academy of Sciences,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Abbot:

Your entertaining memorandum of February 4, addressed "To every member of the National Academy", has been confronting me on my desk ever since its receipt, but has been put off by pressure of more urgent matters.

I have nothing in particular to say in the way of a reply except to ask if it ever occurred to you that busy men have enough to do in making their investigations and working up their results without stopping to prepare abstracts for the gratification of certain scientific societies. Life is short, and a good many of us have reached an age when we can ill afford to lay aside real work for the sake of trifles.

I should be glad to give a 10 or 15 minute paper on the Shasta Indians with a few lantern slides at the April meeting of the Academy were it not for the condition of furnishing an abstract in advance. This is something I will not do. And I know from conversation with other scientific men that I am not alone in this feeling.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. M. Sturges

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March 9, 1920.

Dear Arch:

Yours of the 3d inst. arrived half an hour ago, and I am glad to learn that you succeeded in escaping from the wicked city of Los Angeles without apparent injury except to your pocket-book. Glad also to hear about the race. That Dusenber engine is a terror in the way of power, but it is a costly toy.

Glad you saw the Mission Play at San Gabriel. We saw it several years ago, and would be glad to repeat. But I fear you did not go to Riverside or you would have said something about the wonderful Mission Inn. Don't go to Southern California again without putting in one night at Mission Inn. It is one of the experiences in life worth paying for.

Never mind about that Sacramento Valley map. I have another blank here and plenty of paint to touch it up with. But in case you should visit Lagunitas again before the middle of April, I wish you would get and send me the Kanamara vocabulary; but don't go on purpose, as it is not very important.

About four days ago we had another blizzard, but yesterday the sun was warm enough at midday to take off most of the remaining snow.

Dorothy and Beth are coming next week to be with us until the latter part of April. Angie has tired of Washington and has secured a job in the wicked city of New York. She expects to pull stakes this week.

With love from us all,

As ever,

C. M. Sturges

March 9, 1920.

Dear Bruce:

Your letter of February 9 was appreciated, even
it there has been a month's delay in acknowledging it.

You surely have a wonderful machine if you are able
to communicate with the Atlantic Coast via wireless. I am too
old to learn this new kind of music, but maybe you could teach
Zenaida so that the Stephens and Merriam families might swap
gossip winters.

Yes, we have been treated to a real old-fashioned
northern winter, with lots of snow and ice and low temperatures.
Early last week we had two soft mild days that made us feel
that spring was coming, but they fooled us, for they were
followed immediately by the worst blizzard we have had during
the entire winter. Fortunately, the snow-fall was not great,
and yesterday's midday sun took most of it away, and today
will likely clean up the balance except on cold northerly
exposures.

We all have kept well during the winter, and are very
busy. Zenaida is helping me in office about half of every day,
and I am driving as hard as I can in working up the results of
last season's field work.

Our daughter Dorothy, with her little girl Beth, now
2½ years old, is coming next week to spend a month or so with
the Old Folks.

I am obliged to be in New York the first week in May, after
which we hope to start for California as promptly as possible.

Hoping that all members of the Stephens family are well and
happy, and with love from all of us to you all,

Very truly yours,

March 10, 1920.

Dear Mr. Taverner:

Yours of the 7th just received.

The reason I did not enter into discussion of the subject of degree of fertility between species, but merely protested against your use of alleged infertility, was because the subject was wholly outside of the scope of my article which you were criticising, and there appeared to be no reason for taking up another subject. In other words, I did not feel called upon to propound an explanation for what seemed to me a well-known fact, so long as that fact had no bearing on my article.

The point I tried to make to you was that cumulative experience in Zoological Gardens and with crippled animals, particularly ducks, shows that these interbreed freely, while normally healthful individuals, no matter how close the contact, interbreed so rarely that the cases are practically negligible so far as the effect on posterity is concerned. The question is not at all one of fertility, for fertility has been demonstrated over and over again. It is a question of mating. And you have come mighty near hitting the nail on the head when you suggested that the reason might be psychological, the obvious fact being that individuals under normal conditions do not choose to mate with individuals other than of their own kind.

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But the psychological hypothesis, while of general application among vertebrated animals, insects, and some others, fails to account for the breeding true of some of the lower forms of animal life and of plants. We all know that hybrids among plants are much more common than among animals. Nevertheless, in a state of nature they are not so common as a good many people seem to think. And in the case of plants, I strongly suspect that anatomical and physiological reasons exist for the protection of the species against hybridizing.

Very truly yours,

Mr. P. A. Taverner,
Geological Survey,
Ottawa, Canada.

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Mr. E. W. Nelson, Chief,
U.S. Biological Survey,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Nelson:

Thanks for the two prints just received from my negatives of Yosemite Valley Bears. I am forwarding one of them to La Flesche, but fear it will not make a very good reproduction as the prints are a little foggy, or at least not very sharp.

Very truly yours,

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March 10, 1920.

Mr. Francis La Flesche,
Bureau of Ethnology,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. La Flesche:

After some delay, I have just received from the Biological Survey the enclosed prints from two of my negatives of Black Bears, taken in the Sierra Nevada in California.

You are at liberty to use whichever you prefer, or both. To be of much value, the reproductions should be enlarged to at least double the present size.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

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March 11, 1920.

Mr. John W. Holzworth,
Mills Building,
15 Broad St.,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Holzworth:

Your letter of the 9th inst. arrived this morning. No, I have not seen last year's report by Governor Biggs of Alaska, but shall apply to the Department of Interior for a copy.

I have no information about licenses. To find out about these, you will have to address E. W. Nelson, Chief of the Biological Survey, this City.

Now, as to good places in which to hunt Big Brown Bears: The Sitka Islands, Baranof, Chichagof, and Admiralty, are still good hunting grounds and Big Bears appear to be plentiful there. They are plentiful also on many parts of Alaska Peninsula. The difficulty is to get hold of a good guide who knows where and when to go. Possibly information of this kind may be had from Governor Biggs, whose present address I believe is Dept. of Interior, Washington, D. C.

Yes, there is plenty of fog along the Alaska coast, both north and south, at most seasons, but the fog is rarely thick enough to interfere with hunting.

Regretting that I cannot furnish more definite information in reply to your inquiries,

Very truly yours,

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C. Hart Merriam

March 11, 1920.

Dr. Thomas S. Roberts,
Zoological Museum,
University of Minnesota,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Doctor Roberts:

Thanks for your letter of the 7th inst. It is always comforting in a controversy to find some one on our side, and I have received recently several letters along the same lines as your own.

With kind regards,

Very truly yours,

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March 11, 1920.

Miss Margaret Kelly,
Treasurer's Office,
Alturas, Calif.

Dear Miss Kelly:

A recent clipping from the Adin Argus states that you have the skin of a Wolf killed by Dick Catlett in January last.

I am interested in this for the reason that records of real Wolves in California are extremely rare, most of the animals turning out to be Coyotes. If this Wolf was truly a Big Wolf and not a Coyote, I should like to get hold of its skull; and if it is not badly smashed, would pay \$5 for it.

Will you kindly write me what you know about it?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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March 11, 1920.

Dr. C. G. Abbot, Home Secretary,
National Academy of Sciences,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Abbot:

Thanks for yours of the 10th inst. All right,
inasmuch as you are willing to forgive and overlook the
absence of an abstract, I will be on hand with a 15 minute
paper on Shaste Indians, with a few lantern slides.

Very truly yours,

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March 11, 1920.

Dear Doctor Walcott:

Many thanks for your kindness and promptness in sending me the publications asked for. Most of them have already arrived, and will be of much use.

Very truly yours,

C. D. Walcott —

Dr. Charles D. Walcott, Sec'y.,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

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March 12, 1920.

Dear Mr. Adams:

Since your phone message telling me that the check addressed to J. T. McMullin at Taos, New Mexico, had been returned, I have ascertained that he is away in the field, and that the surest way of reaching him is in care of J. S. Ligon, Albuquerque, New Mexico. If you will kindly forward his check to this address, I think that he will be sure to receive it on his return from his present hunting trip.

Thanking you for your attention to the matter,

Very truly yours,

Mr. W. I. Adams, Accountant,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

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March 13, 1920.

Dr. R. M. Anderson,
Geological Survey,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Doctor Anderson:

Thanks for your letter of the 9th inst. with the information it contains, but I am greatly shocked to learn of the death of C. Gordon Hewitt, as he is a man for whose work I have had great respect, and his death is a severe loss to naturalists.

I am very much obliged for the addresses you have given me of traders in the far North, and shall try to obtain Bear Skulls from some of them.

For some years I corresponded with T. L. Richardson of Point Barrow and obtained a large number of skulls of Seals and Polar Bears from him, but no skulls of Grizzlies. The same is true of Earle M. Forrest of Wainwright. Have also been in correspondence with Charles Brower of Barrow. But from none of these have I been able to get so much as a single Grizzly. Probably the traders farther east might have better luck.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart

March 15, 1920.

Col. W. B. Greeley,
Forest Service,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Colonel Greeley:

Allow me to extend my heartiest congratulations on your elevation to the high position of Chief Forester, and at the same time to congratulate the Service on the selection of a man whose experience along the various lines of research and administration carried on by the Bureau is unexcelled.

Graves is a splendid man, and I was quite upset by his resignation, but the knowledge that you are to take his place is certainly reassuring.

You are fortunate in being backed up by so many energetic, capable, and faithful men. But on the other hand, you are going to have an uphill road to travel right here in Washington, and will often be confronted by harassing influences.

With best wishes for your success,

Very truly yours,

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E. M. Murrin

March 15, 1920.

Hudson Book Company,
25 W. 42d St.,
New York City.

The five publications sent me in response to my telegram and letter of February 20 have just arrived. Your promptness is truly pathetic.

I am retaining 68-B, Mendocino War, \$10; and 699, Smith Missionary Leaflet, \$1--for which a check will be sent you about the end of the month. The three others which you sent on approval are herewith returned by express, prepaid, as follows:

20, Brunckow

200, Semalle

445, Blake

Please note in connection with 20--Brunckow, that the colored map and plates mentioned in your catalogue did not accompany the article.

Very truly yours,

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E. M. Murrin

March 15, 1920.

Mr. Elton Clark,
18 Postoffice Square,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Clark:

It is good news that you are expecting to start on your Bear hunt early in April, and that you will try to get Bears between Alsek Delta and Icy Strait.

In speaking of the matter yesterday, I find that Sheldon thinks that you think that I am specially anxious to get specimens from Lituya Bay. This really is not the case, as I mentioned Lituya Bay merely as a central point along that part of the coast from which we have no specimens at all. In former years Big Bears were said to be common there, but as it has since been prospected by miners the Bears may have been killed off; and the place is said to be dangerous of access except to persons very familiar with the tides.

Whatever the species of Bear inhabiting the Lituya Bay region may be, it is almost certain to have a considerable range over the low country along the base of Fairweather Alps from Alsek Delta south to Icy Strait. Hence, if I were going to hunt there, I would not pick out any particular place in advance, but would sail along the coast and make landings where they could be safely undertaken. Much of this coastal plain is covered with enormous ice fields between which are tongues and masses of forest.

Please give my regards to Hasselborg.
with best wishes and kindest regards,
Very truly yours,

March 15, 1920.

Mr. C. S. Sloane, Secretary,
U.S. Geographic Board,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Sloane:

In looking over a recent batch of map sheets from the Geological Survey, I was horrified to find the name of Junipero Serra on the apex of Santa Lucia Peak. And on looking in the Fourth Report of the U.S. Geographic Board, I am amazed to find the name Junipero Serra on page 135 replacing the old and well established name Santa Lucia Peak. Can you without too much trouble dig out the card and see when and how this change came to be made?

Very truly yours,

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By the way, can you give me an approximate idea as to when the new Fifth Report will be out?

March 16, 1920.

Hon. Clifford Ireland,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Your communication of March 8 is at hand.

You ask for certain information concerning my "Bureau," but from the fact that I am addressed as "Chairman, U.S. Geographic Board," I infer that the information sought relates to this Board. Replying to your questions categorically, would state:

1. Name of Bureau: U.S. Geographic Board. Not under any Department.
2. Location: None, its monthly meetings and meetings of the Executive Committee being held in various Departments by courtesy of its members. For some years past the meetings have been held in rooms of the Forest Service, Geological Survey, and General Land Office, and I think also in the Census Office. At present they are held in the office of Frank Bond, Chief Clerk of the Land Office.
3. General function: The selection and fixing of geographic and place names.
4. Number of persons employed: None, the Board never having had any money for this purpose. A paid Secretary is badly needed.
5. Total monthly payroll: Zero.
6. Plan of organization: None, except an Executive Committee, the members of which prepare matter to be brought before the full Board at its monthly meetings.
- 7&8. Offices & employees maintained outside of Washington: none.
9. Character of inquiries from the public: Inquiries concerning the proper name and proper spelling of towns, mountains, rivers, and other political or geographic features, often accompanied by petitions, and sometimes by delegations, urging the establishment of a particular name.

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10. Manner & purpose of maintaining contact with the public: See answer to 9.

11. Specific activities of direct or indirect benefit to the public: Answered in part under 9. Also, the critical examination of maps and charts issued by the various Departments and Bureaus, in order to establish correct and uniform nomenclature for place names.

12. Publications: Leaflets comprising decisions of the Board are issued monthly or at irregular intervals. These are sometimes combined in ~~an~~ annual reports, and there have been issued four full reports containing all decisions to date.

13. Time when and authority under which the Board was established: Created by Executive Order of President Harrison September 4, 1890.

14. Growth in personnel, appropriations, and activities: Created full-grown, comprising representatives from the various map-making bureaus of the Government, and therefore has changed very little except in personnel. It has received no appropriations except for printing decisions.

15. Overlapping activities: None.

16. Changes that might be made to produce greater efficiency: A small appropriation for the employment of a permanent secretary and clerk whose entire time should be devoted to necessary research, historical and by means of maps, in order to obtain the necessary fundamental information to lay before the Executive Committee to aid it in its decisions. The possession of a room in which the Archives and Maps of the Board could be kept would also be in the interest of efficiency, and would save much time and labor now required of individual members of the Board.

Respectfully,

C. H. Merriam
Chairman, U.S. Geographic Board

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Col. H. C. Rizer,
Geological Survey,
Washington, D. C.

March 16, 1920.

Dear Colonel Rizer:

Very many thanks for your courtesy in sending me the maps asked for in my letter of the 5th inst., excepting the few which are now out of print. The three bulletins which you were kind enough to send (Nos. 687, 691-H, & 711-C) have not yet arrived, but will doubtless come shortly.

I am trying to complete my ^{bound} volumes of Survey Maps, and at the same time trying to complete a series for field work. For this reason, I am wondering if you could send me one copy each of the following--several of which I have already had, but have used in the field so that they are not in condition for binding:

✓ Bishop	✓ McKittrick
✓ Buena Vista Lake	✓ Mariposa
✓ Byron	✓ Mojave
✓ Caliente	✓ Mt. Diablo
✓ Coalinga	✓ Mt. Morrison
✓ Elizabeth Lake	✓ Searles Lake

In looking over some of the newer sheets recently received, I find on the margins the names of 11 sheets which I have never seen. If any of these have been issued, I shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly send me two copies each.

These new sheets are designated:

✓ Adelaida	Indian Gulch
Benanza	Jamesburg
Crevison Peak	Kismet
Daulton	Lucia
Gonzales	Metz
Gorda	

Also photoliths of Indian Gulch,
Kismet, Lucia, Metz &
Crevison Peak

Only those checked received.
Others not yet published.

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Is there any likelihood that Salinas Valley Sheet No. 2 and the Sacramento Valley combined sheets A,B,C,& D will be reprinted during the present summer? If so, they would be of much practical service to me in my field work in California.

Since I wrote you the other day, another List of Survey Publications has arrived, in which I note two that I should be very glad to have, namely:

Professional Paper 125-C, by Dall

Water Supply Paper 450-E, Ground Water in Lanfair Valley, Calif, by Thompson.

If you can send me these, I shall be obliged.

Thanking you for your courtesy in the matter,

Very truly yours,

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C. Hart Merriam

March 17, 1920.

Dear Mr. Sloane:

Thanks for sending me the card and correspondence concerning the unfortunate change of name from Santa Lucia Peak to Junipero Serra Peak. It is a great pity that the Board did not take the suggestion of Prof. Davidson that the new name be applied to one of the four unnamed peaks in the Santa Lucias, the exact location of each of which was given by him.

Owing to the fact that I have no recollection whatever of the change of name, I have just looked in my diary and find that on the day that the new name was adopted, Jan. 2, 1907, I was confined to the house with a bad cold, and did not attend the meeting.

The adoption of the name Junipero Serra in place of the time-honored name Santa Lucia for this peak seems to me one of the most unhappy decisions the Board has ever made.

Incidentally, part of the correspondence you sent me relates to other subjects. All of this correspondence and the card are returned herewith.

Thanking you for the same,

Very truly yours,

Mr. C. S. Sloane,
Secretary,
U.S. Geographic Board,
Washington, D. C.

March 17, 1920.

Dear Doctor Dixon:

Very many thanks for your kindness and promptness in replying to my inquiries about the Shaste villages shown on your map. I am particularly appreciative of the corrections in locations and spellings. It is a case where "every little helps."

The rancheria material is now, I think, in as perfect condition as possible without future verification, and I think it is worth the time and cost of verification. Therefore, before publishing I hope to make another trip over the ground for the purpose of checking and verifying the few remaining doubtful points.

I cannot quite agree with you that there is nothing in your term 'Okwanutcu' to indicate that it means "south people."

While it is true that the Shaste do not seem to have definite positive terms for north and south, they nevertheless employ definite terms of direction in different parts of the area inhabited by the tribe. One of the oldest of the living full-bloods of the tribe told me, pointing south, that Qo-kwah-to-too meant in that direction; also, pointing in the same direction, that Qo-kwah-too meant up [Shasta] river. And since the suffix soo-ish or choo-ish is universally used to designate the inhabitants of a place, would not your Okwanutcu

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(or written out in full, Okwanutcuish) mean "south people", at least when used by the people of Upper Klamath and Shasta valleys?

I am delighted to know that you will be here at the April Meeting of the National Academy, and believe you will be interested in some of my distribution maps.

It is a great pity that you have not published, and do not expect to publish in the near future, your Shasta and Maidu vocabularies. Inasmuch as part of your field work in this line preceded mine, you are entitled to priority of publication.

In connection with your Northwestern Division, as defined on page 128 of your monumental paper on 'The Northern Maidu', you remark: "While variations in culture existed within this section, linguistically they may be regarded as one group." Here, as in many cases of zoology and botany, the convenient term "group", owing to its flexibility, is very perplexing to the subsequent student. You doubtless found out that while the forms of speech are essentially the same, there is from the lexical standpoint a marked difference in the languages of the valley and foothills divisions of your Northwestern Division.

Lest I have overlooked any of your publications, which would be exceedingly mortifying to me, I would like to

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ask if you have ever published anything on the Tehama, Red Bluff, or Redding Indians or on any of the Wintoon tribes or divisions. I have taken vocabularies, boundaries, and rancheria locations of seven Wintoon dialects and expect to get the remainder during the next few months.

Thanks for your reference to page 3 of your 'Maidu Texts' for an explanation of the sounds given various letters of the alphabet. This really agitates my funny-bone, and I am picturing how you laughed in your sleeve when you gave me this reference. Isn't it a good deal as if you asked me the names of the dominant points in the teeth of Bears, and I replied by telling you that the protoconid was followed by a small metaconid, followed in turn by a pair of cusps known, respectively, as hypoconid and entoconid; also that a well developed young male on attaining the proper age should be recognized by the form of his protocone, deuterocone, tritocone, parastyle, paracone, metacone, protostyle, and hypocone.

Now, that we have had our little jokes, perhaps you will be able to give me the English equivalents of your g, z, tg, and the vowels according to the several marks employed by you on the page indicated. To save your time I have written these on an accompanying slip, and shall be thankful if you will kindly return to me with the English equivalents.

With best wishes, and thanks for your letter,

Very truly yours,

Dr. Roland B. Dixon,
Harvard University,
Cambridge, Mass.

March 18, 1920.

Dr. Robert B. Sosman,
Chairman, Committee on Publications,
Washington Academy of Sciences,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

The Journal of the Washington Academy contains from time to time articles worthy of permanent preservation. In order to file such articles where they may be readily found when needed, it is the practice of many scientific men to take them out of the serial where published and file them in their proper folder or envelope. In doing this, in the case of the Journal of the Washington Academy, one is obliged to take the time to write the reference to title, volume, number, and date of publication on each excerpt. This in the course of a year becomes a very wasteful proceeding.

In the case of a large number of present-day periodicals, the title of the publication (whole or abbreviated) forms the headline of either the odd or even page (preferably the odd page) while the name of author and title of article are on the facing page.

I urgently recommend that the Board of Editors undertake this simple and much needed reform.

At present you repeat the author and title at the head of both pages, which is absolutely useless for any purpose whatever, inartistic in appearance, and time-killing in requiring the tedious writing-out of the reference by every person sufficiently interested to preserve the article.

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The change above recommended would lessen rather than increase cost of composition. Another desirable change, but one that would add slightly to the cost, is the introduction on the hinge side of the running heading, the volume, number, and date of issue. These changes would conform to the system already adopted by many current publications, would be gratefully received by your readers, and would tend to the preservation of many articles now consigned to the waste basket.

The enclosed form will show at a glance exactly what I mean.

Very truly yours,

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March 17, 1920.

Mr. J. Pitts,
Invermere, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Many thanks for your letter of the 9th inst.
telling me that you are the man who sent the Grizzly Bear
skull in question, and that it was killed on Cross River.
I am very glad to know this, and am glad to add it to the
Collection.

A check of \$12 in payment will be sent you from
my account in the Smithsonian Institution about the 1st of
April.

Very truly yours,

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C. Hart Merriam

March 18, 1920.

Dear Doctor Dixon:

Do not be alarmed at this follower. But since writing you a day or two ago, I have been looking over your entertaining 'Maidu Texts', and want to congratulate you on the correctness of your use of animal names. For the first time in the history of the world, an ethnologist writing of California Indians has the correct name for nearly every mammal, bird, and reptile mentioned. But do you not use two names for the Badger, Hola and Yanta? The latter is the name ordinarily used; the former I am not familiar with. Nor am I familiar with Hetsikemin for Muskwet. The name I got for it is Yu-e-nah. So far as known, it does not occur anywhere in northeastern California except in Susan River, so that most of the Indians are not familiar with it.

The name you give for Crane, Pawaksim (p.100), is the Night Heron; the Crane is Ko-do-ko. The unidentified bird mentioned on pages 212 and 213, Momispistom, is the Water Ouzel.

Very truly yours,

Dr. Roland B. Dixon,
Harvard University,
Cambridge, Mass.

March 17, 1920.

Manager
Hudson Bay Co.'s Post,
Baillie Island,
Cape Bathurst, N.W.T.

Dear Sir:

Is it possible for you to get the Indians to bring in skulls of Barren Ground Bears or Grizzly Bears? If so, I should be greatly obliged if you would kindly send them to me for our Collection in the National Museum.

For young skulls I would pay \$4 or \$5 each; for adult females \$8 to \$10; for adult males in good condition \$15 to \$25, provided in each case that the skull is labeled with the name of the locality where the Bear was killed, and also, if known, the sex and approximate date of killing. Your own name and address should be plainly written on each label.

As you are beyond the reach of express companies, I suppose specimens would have to be sent to the nearest post-office, and thence forwarded by parcel post. If they could be shipped by vessel to Seattle or San Francisco, they could be reshipped by express, charges collect. In any case, skulls should be securely packed to prevent breakage in transit, and should be addressed U.S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

March 17, 1920.

Captain F. Wolki,
Herschel Island, Y. T.
Via Edmonton, Alberta.

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CHM:MG

March 17, 1920.

Mr. Daniel Cadzow,
Rampart House,
Yukon Territory.

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Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

March 17, 1920.

Mr. John Pirth,
Fort McPherson,
Yukon Territory.

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Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

March 18, 1920.

Dr. Walter K. Fisher,
Hopkins Marine Station,
Pacific Grove, Calif.

Dear Walter:

When you go to ask one of the old Spanish-speaking residents about Salt Lagoon and other places mentioned in my previous letters, please ask about one or two other places mentioned frequently in early California literature:

El Pine is spoken of as a place toward San Antonio (going from Monterey), and must have been on one of the old trails.

Las Salinas is mentioned as near the mouth of Salinas River, and therefore some distance from the present town of Salinas.

Sargenta Rue is mentioned as some distance up on Carmel River, and also once or twice as if on the coast near Sur...

La Natividad is not located, but must be somewhere in the general region.

San Miguel is given as on Carmel River, and therefore remote from the place at the head of Salinas Valley known as San Miguel (where the Mission is).

Other names mentioned in connection with Monterey and Salinas Valley are: San Buenaventura, Lamaca, and Lima.

If you can get any light on the locations of any of these, I shall be obliged.

Very truly yours,
Walter K. Fisher

March 18, 1920.

Dear Doctor Fewkes:

Herewith I am returning Dixon's 'Maidu Texts' which I borrowed yesterday, the same being Vol. 4 of the Publications of the American Ethnological Society, 1912.

With many thanks for the use of the book,

Very truly yours,
Walter K. Fisher

P.S. The Handbook of American Indian Languages, Bulletin 40, contains an important article by Dixon on the Maidu. This leads me to ask if these articles may be had separately from the whole volume. If so, I would like very much to obtain a copy of Dixon's Maidu, and also Goddard's Athapascan.

Dr. J. Walter Fewkes,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

March 20, 1920.

Mr. Henry R. Wagner,
American Smelting & Refining Co.,
120 Broadway, New York City.

My dear Mr. Wagner:

Do you know anything about a book by Hugo Reid,
quoted in Hudson's last Catalogue^{ss} No. 72 under the title
'An account of the Indians of Los Angeles County, California.
in a series of letters written in the year 1852 by the late
Hugo Reid, from the San Gabriel Mission, 8vo., 47 pages, 1885'?

I wired Hudson for this immediately on receipt of his Catalogue,
but did not get it. I assume that it is a pamphlet reprint of
his articles in the 'Los Angeles Star', and should like mightily
to get hold of a copy.

Will you kindly enter my name in your list of sub-
scribers for your forthcoming Catalogue or Bibliography of
Works on Western Exploration.

I was very glad to meet you when Sheldon brought you
to my office a short time ago, and shall look forward to seeing
you in California.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

March 20, 1920.

Dear Mr. Grosvenor:

Your letter of the 18th inst. is at hand,
notifying me that I have been appointed to represent
Zoology on the Committee of Research of the National
Geographic Society.

The importance of the work of this Committee
and the high standing of the men you have mentioned as
other members of the Committee lead me to accept, although
I had intended to resign from the Committee.

Very truly yours,

Mr. Gilbert Grosvenor, President,
National Geographic Society,
Washington, D. C.

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March 22, 1920.

Eastman Kodak Company,

Rochester, N. Y.

Dear Sirs:

Herewith I am enclosing 42 film negatives for enlargement and lantern slides. Please make each enlargement on paper about 8 inches in length.

Of these negatives, 20 are for enlargement only; 17 for one enlargement and one slide each; 4 to be combined, putting two of each person together (front and profile views) on same slide--2 copies of each print and one of each slide wanted.

Of the negative showing two Indian women carrying back-loads of wood (center of negative), please make one enlargement and one slide of entire negative, also one enlargement and one slide of middle part showing the women with their burdens.

When finished, please send by express with bill to me at 1919 16th St., Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

March 23, 1920.

Dear Mr. Huey:

Yours of the 12th inst. came several days ago, and I am glad to know that the mammal separates reached you all right.

Of the numbers of North American Fauna which you have not been able to obtain, I find that I can supply four, namely, Nos. 4, 5, 11, and 20. Sorry I cannot do better. These are sent you by this mail.

You were lucky to get such a close view of a Condor--a rare sight nowadays, and one that always delights the heart of a naturalist.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Laurence M. Huey,
Ojai, California.

March 23, 1920.

Dear Arch:

Thanks for yours of the 17th, this day received.

From present indications, you have shifted your engineering ability from powerhouses and irrigation works to stocks and bonds. I trust the profits will be at least equally satisfactory. According to the list sent, you are in a position to unload at what I should consider a mighty fine profit. And, incidentally, if I owned any Missouri-Pacific or Western Pacific, I would lose no time in unloading, particularly since at the figures you give you will be making a handsome profit.

Inasmuch as you mention an intention to make another visit to Lagunitas, I have another favor to request: You know women are funny things, especially sometimes, and you also know from your large and varied experience in this line that women dote on displaying their fine clothes. This brings me to the point: Mrs. M. forgot her show-dress. She left it hanging on the little shelf in the dining room between the door leading to the kitchen and the door leading into the back hall. So if you really do go up there again and get that Kanamara vocabulary, please send the precious garment.

Dorothy and Beth are with us, and it is interesting to note how Beth has developed and learned to walk and talk since she was here a year ago.

Doubtless you are back at your Mill Valley-Tamalpais home, enjoying the country atmosphere and sublime scenery, but you must be mighty lonesome evenings.

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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March 23, 1920.

Mr. C. C. Midwood,
1955 N. 24th St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 20th inst., just received, would say that there are a number of Bureaus of the Government in which biological work is done and which issue publications relating to their work. Among these are the Biological Survey and Bureau of Plant Industry in the Department of Agriculture, the Bureau of Fisheries, Department of Commerce, and the National Museum. Many of the publications are technical, but some are popular. Some relate almost exclusively to the economic side of zoology and botany, others to the systematic side.

The field is very large, and it would be well to address the heads of the several Bureaus, mentioning the branches of zoology and botany in which you are particularly interested.

Many of the publications are for free distribution, others can be obtained at cost from the Government Printer.

Personally, I resigned from the Biological Survey ten years ago, and I have withdrawn from the Board of 'Forest & Stream' to which you refer. The present Chief of the Biological Survey is E. W. Nelson; the Chief of the Bureau of Fisheries is Dr. Hugh M. Smith. The Acting Director of the National Museum is W. de C. Ravenel.

Very truly yours,

H. S. Gentry

March 24, 1929.

Col. J. A. McGuire,
Editor, Outdoor Life,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Colonel McGuire:

The April number of 'Outdoor Life', just received, contains on page 214 the picture of a most remarkable Bear killed by Richard Mitten and photographed by Capt. Hubrick. The form of the head of this Bear and the phenomenal shortness of his legs are most surprising. If it were a cub in the second year of one of the big Grizzlies, it might possibly have such a head, but the shortness of the legs remains a mystery. Could the position of the photographer at a lower level than the Bear have anything to do with it? I hardly think so. Or could it be that the Bear was really dead and propped up on rocks, one of which shows in the picture? This would account for the low position of the body, but it would be hard to understand how the head was held in so natural a position.

At all events, it is a most strange and interesting beast, and I would like mightily to get hold of its skull. Do you happen to know the address of the Richard Mitten who killed it?

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

March 24, 1929.

Capt. J. P. Hubrick,
McCarthy, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

It is some time since I have heard from you, but every now and then I have noticed your name in some of the magazines devoted to hunting.

The April number of 'Outdoor Life', just received, contains a picture taken by you of a Bear killed by Richard Mitten on Rabbit Creek last September. It is a very remarkable picture owing to the peculiar rounded shape of the head and the extraordinary shortness of the legs. I am wondering if the picture was taken after the Bear was killed by propping it up on rocks or such. In that case, it is hard to see how the head could be held in so natural a position.

Do you know if the animal was full-grown, and was its skull preserved? I should like mightily to get hold of the skull.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

E. H. Mitten

March 24, 1920.

Dr. J. Franklin Meyer, Editor,
Journal, Washington Academy of Sciences,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Meyer:

Thanks for your letter of the 24th inst. just received. I am surprised and delighted to know that my suggestions for the change in the headings of the Journal have been so favorably received.

Thanking you for your courtesy in the matter,

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

March 26, 1920.

Dear Arch:

The Kinamarah vocabulary has just arrived, greatly to my surprise and delight. I had no idea that another trip to Lagunitas was impending in the near future or I should not have written the letter I sent you day before yesterday, which please ignore. That fine-dress-business was aimed at the small apron of pine-nut beads that I got in the Klamath Canyon early last season, and is safe where it is for another year.

Our spring seems to have arrived, with balmy days and swelling buds. And we are pleased to note from the papers that occasional rains still visit the Bay Region.

Please send me a memorandum of the various little expenditures you have made in my behalf, and I will remit to cover.

With love from us all,

As ever,

Mr. Arch. M. Gilbert,
411 Mills Building,
San Francisco, Calif.

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March 26, 1920.

Mr. H. Moses,
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 9th inst. arrived this morning. Thanks for the information about how the Bear got drunk.

As to the two skulls from Hawk Inlet: Send them along, and I will pay what I can for them.

Very truly yours

CHM:MG

March 26, 1920.

Prof. Aston V. Tubbs, Principal,
New Trier Township High School,
Kenilworth, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of March 22 is a little difficult to answer. You have given me seven subjects from which you wish me to check those that have contributed most to my success in life. In reply, I feel bound to say that whatever success I may have attained is not due directly to any of the causes or influences you have enumerated, but rather to an intense interest, possibly inherited, for the study of natural history in a broad sense, backed up by a vigorous constitution.

The first four influences mentioned by you relate to schools and teachers and therefore may be stricken out, as I never went to school until I was 15, before which age I had already begun the serious study of mammals, birds, and insects.

Your sixth heading, influence of books, may likewise be stricken out, since I suffered from weak eyes and up to that time had read very few books, and would surely remember if I had read anything of importance.

I was raised on a farm in the country in northern New York, where the subject of your seventh heading, Neighborhood environment, may have exerted an unconscious influence. Home influence was favorable inasmuch as it did not in any way oppose my natural history inclinations; at the same time, it was not actively favorable.

E.V.T.--2.

The first person to exert any marked influence on my life work was Prof. Spencer F. Baird, then Assistant Secretary (later Secretary) of the Smithsonian Institution. Shortly after my sixteenth birthday, Prof. Baird, predisposed doubtless by my knowledge of natural history and the extent of my collections of mammals and birds, secured for me the position of Naturalist on the Hayden Survey of the Territories. This unquestionably was the most important event of my life. I was thrilled with excitement and enthusiasm, and my field experience on the Expedition, working in Utah, Idaho, Wyoming, and Montana in 1872, formed the turning-point in my career, fixing my previous determination to make the study of natural history my life work.

You ask me to indicate what you call "scholastic preparation," referring to grades, high school, college, and degrees. I never saw inside of a grade school or a high school until my children were old enough to go to institutions of this kind. My work in college was a special course in the Sheffield Scientific School of Yale along lines chosen with reference to my life work. The only degree I possess is my medical diploma from the College of Physicians and Surgeons. I have been offered but have declined honorary degrees.

You ask, "In what ways can our schools be of greater service in contributing more effectively to the success of the men and women of tomorrow." To this I should reply: By less of

E.V.T.--3.

theory, less of formality, less of philosophy and metaphysics, more in the way of practical work, and much more of the kind that appeals to the natural interests of boys and girls. Children, unless artificially imprisoned and warped by deforming city conditions, are interested in things--especially outdoor things, live things, things that move and grow. The cultivation of such inclinations, instead of their repression, would tend to the more healthful development of boys and girls, would fit them for greater enjoyment in life, and in my judgment would make them better men and women.

Very truly yours,

CHL:MG

CHL:MG

lest it appear that I have never been to school at all, it might be well to state that before going west in 1872 I had had one school year at the Alexander Military Institute at White Plains, New York, and part of a year at the Pingry School for Boys at Elizabeth, New Jersey, which latter I left to join the Hayden Survey. On returning from the west, I went to Williston Seminary at Easthampton, Massachusetts, to prepare for the entrance examinations of the Sheffield Scientific School.

March 29, 1920.

Mr. Ansel F. Hall,
Division of Forestry,
University of California,
Berkeley, California.

Dear Mr. Hall:

Your letter of the 20th inst. arrived this morning, and I am very glad to know that you have made such excellent progress with your 'Handbook of Yosemite National Park.' I trust that it will be issued in time for the present season.

You certainly have succeeded in obtaining a fine lot of men to prepare the various chapters.

In reply to your request for photographs of Yosemite Indians, I regret to say that I have none to spare, desiring to reserve for my own use all that I have.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

March 29, 1920.

Mr. Philip B. Stewart,
Colorado Springs, Colorado.

My dear Mr. Stewart:

Thanks for your letter of the 24th inst., just received.

It certainly will be well worth while, as you say, to preserve the information you have been fortunate enough to obtain from Goff and Bakker on the habits of the Cougar. We know so little about the habits of our mammals, both large and small, that any contributions based on actual trustworthy observations are of permanent value and a real addition to life histories. Most of the books, as you know, base a large amount of inference on a very small foundation of fact.

I am glad to know that you are collecting all the skulls you can get of Colorado Mountain Lions. These will be of much scientific interest, and should if possible be preserved in our National Museum. The larger the collection, the more reliable the deductions from its study. When one is undertaking critical work on any mammal, it is impossible to have too many specimens, particularly among the larger mammals where differences of sex and variations with age require special study.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

March 29, 1920.

Dr. C. G. Abbot, Home Secretary,
National Academy of Sciences,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Abbot:

With reference to the paper which I promised
for the meeting of the National Academy, I would like to
change the title to 'Distribution and Villages of the
Indian Tribes of the Klamath River Region, California'
(illustrated), 15 minutes.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

March 29, 1920.

Dr. B. E. Livingston, Permanent Secretary,
Am. Ass'n. for the Advancement of Science,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

The recent receipt of a due-card for \$5 dues
for 1920 leads me to reiterate my resignation, which I
sent the Secretary the latter part of December.

The present increases in Society dues, along
with all other expenses, are altogether too much for a
man of moderate means.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

March 31, 1920.

Mr. W. I. Adams, Accountant,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Adams:

Herewith I am enclosing my expense account for
March, amounting to \$50.24, and vouchers as per accompanying
list, which I shall be obliged if you will kindly pay as usual
from the Harriman Fund.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Accompanying Vouchers:

Hudson Book Co., 2 books \$11.00
Z. Merriam, services Asst. 49.00
Stockett-Fiske Co., carbon
& Manila file envelopes 5.60
J. W. Scollick, Cleaning 5.50
Bear Skulls

Bear Skulls:
J. F. Callbreath 4.00
G. B. Edwards 4.00
J. Pitts 12.00

Rent Office Apt. for April 71.50
Telephone 1.90

C. Hart Merriam

Northumberland Apartment, Washington, D. C.

Expense Account for March 1920

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March

3	A. Motter, line drawing of Indian village in Sacramento Valley (35 sq.in. @ 75 cts.)	1	26 25
	Am. Railway Express Co:	2	96
9	Pkg. Mammal papers to Ojai, Calif.,	3	31
15	" Books to Hudson Book Co., New York		50
	'Forest & Stream' for March .25; Carfares .25		75
23	Blank Manila envelopes		66
31	Rubber bands .50; soap 16		1 21
	Postage & stamped envelopes	4	5 00
	Charwoman for cleaning office during March		1 50
	Janitor service	5	1 10
	Electric current from Jan. 24 to Feb. 24		
6	Subscriptions to periodicals:	6	5 00
10	Sherman Bulletin (several years)		2 00
	Journal of Heredity		5 00
	American Anthropologist		
			50 24

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Twenty-four

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C. Hart Merriam

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Hudson Book Company

25 West 42d St., New York City.

1920

March 3 2 books:

Walter Smith's 'Indians of the Rockies & the Pacific' 1 00

Rept. Joint Comm. Calif. Legislature on Mendocino
Indian War 1860 10 00

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C. Hart Merriam

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1919 16th St., Washington, D. C.

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March 31

To services as Assistant, 14 days

3.50 49 00

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C. Hart Merriam

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J. W. Scollick

U.S. National Museum, Washington, D. C.

1920
March 29

To cleaning Bear Skulls, 11 skulls at .50cts. each

5 50

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C. Hart

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J. Frank Callbreath

Telegraph Creek, B. C.

1920
March 26

1 skull of female Grizzly from head of Stikine
River (damaged)

4 00

4 00

-----Four-----

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4.00

C. Hart

G. B. Edwards

Bella Coola, B. C.

1920
March 29 1 skull of Grizzly cub from Atnarko Region

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C. Hartman

J. Pitts

Invermere, B. C.

1920
March 1 skull of adult male Grizzly from the Kootenay District, B. C.

12 00

12 00

-----Twelve-----

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12.00

C. Hartman

April 1, 1920.

Mr. J. Frank Callbreath,
Telegraph Creek, B. C.

My dear Sir:

Sometime ago I received a letter from you dated January 16, stating that you were sending the skull of a female Bear killed about October 1, last, at the head of Stikine River, the color of which you described.

I cannot find the record of receipt of any such skull unless it is the skull of a young female (in third year, with the base of the skull cut out in order to remove the brain) which came by itself by mail in a small bag a few days ago. I rather think it must be the skull in question, although it seems a little strange that the claws of so young a Bear should be so much worn as those you mention.

It is a pity that the skull was so badly injured, as with a little trouble the brains could have been removed through the natural opening in the back of the skull.

A check of \$4 in payment of this will be sent you in a few days.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

April 1, 1920.

Mr. A. H. Twitchell,
Iditarod, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Very many thanks for your letter of January 23, just received, telling me about the aggressive actions and poor condition of the Grizzlies that remained out so surprisingly late last winter in the Kuskokwim and Susitna regions.

It is mighty interesting to get hold of such information as you have given me in this and previous letters, as it is only by the bringing together of such scraps of information from a number of places in different years that we can build up anything like a reasonable account of Bears' habits and actions under different conditions. Scarcity of food, as you say, exerts a profound influence on Bears wherever they are.

Again thanking you for your kindness in giving me this information,

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

April 1, 1920.

Mr. G. B. Edwards,
Bella Coola, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 12th inst. and the skull of the cub Grizzly to which you refer have arrived, for which I am obliged. For this skull I have credited your account with \$4, a check for which will be sent you in a few days.

About the tags: we have no more of the larger ones, as the Biological Survey for sometime past has been printing only the small kind. I am enclosing a few shipping tags in case these might be serviceable.

Very truly yours,

CHM:EC

Dr. S. T. Pope,
Butler Building,
San Francisco, Calif.

April 2, 1920.

My dear Doctor Pope:

Thanks for your letter of March 26 telling me that you are going to visit Yellowstone Park for the purpose of obtaining specimens of Grizzly Bears for the Museum of the California Academy. This cannot but be an interesting trip, and I hope it will be successful. But, personally, I should not enjoy the sport of tackling a Grizzly with bow and arrow. You are fortunate however in having so reliable a man as Ned Frost for a guide.

I am glad to know that you are going to make such accurate notes on the freshly-killed specimens. This will be particularly valuable for fully-adult Bears.

Not having given attention to the anatomy of Bears except so far as it relates to the bones and teeth, I cannot refer you offhand to literature on the subject. I remember however that both 'Todd's Cyclopaedia of Anatomy' and 'Owens' Anatomy' contain matter on the soft parts of Bears. This however is not to be found in one place, as it is scattered under the heads of the different viscera.

In case your Bears are not killed after visiting the garbage piles, information as to the contents of their stomachs would be of interest.

S.T.P.--2.

Personally, I am most interested in the skulls of Grizzlies. Apparently four entirely different species overlap in the Yellowstone Park region. For this reason, it is particularly important to secure skulls of adults, especially males. We have a few but not nearly enough. If you are successful in obtaining adults, I shall endeavor to borrow their skulls from Prof. Evermann for the purpose of comparing with our series here.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart

April 2, 1920.

Mr. H. R. Wagner,
120 Broadway,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Wagner:

Many thanks for your letter of yesterday telling me that the book advertised by the Hudson Book Co. was reprinted from the Bulletin of the Essex Institute. This I already have, and I am obliged to you for letting me know that the document we were after was only a reprint.

I am obliged to you also for writing Mr. Howell of San Francisco to enter my name on the list of subscribers to your forthcoming Bibliography.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

April 2, 1920.

Dear Doctor Stephens:

We are all greatly pained to learn of your father's death, but are glad that you and Mrs. Stephens were able to accompany your mother home. This must have been an unspeakable comfort to her, and also a great satisfaction to you. It is a satisfaction to feel in such cases that one has attained a ripe old age and has practically completed his life work, and it is a blessing to have the end come suddenly rather than drag out indefinitely on the sick-bed.

Thanks for the photograph and description of the huge Madrone in the Santa Cruz Mountains. I am glad to have this.

We all hope that you and Mrs. Stephens will come this way on your return to California, and wish most earnestly that we could offer you quarters in our house, but just at present every room is full, Dorothy and her little Beth being with us, also a man from Chicago. Nevertheless, we should love to see you here, and have you see our home and some of the things we are at work upon. If you can come, wire me the time your train is due, and it will be a great pleasure to meet you at the station.

Spring is just beginning here now, after a long snowy and chilly winter. The Forsythias are beginning to bloom, and leaves just beginning to show on the Tulip Trees. Otherwise, the forests and city trees are still naked.

With kindest regards to your mother, and love from us all to Mrs. Stephens and yourself, and also with the hope that you will come here on your way home,

As ever yours,

Dr. W. Barclay Stephens,
Paris, Ky. C/o Woodford Spears

April 2, 1920.

Prof. William E. Ritter,
Biological Laboratory,
La Jolla, Calif.

Dear Professor Ritter:

When your party did us the honor of a brief visit at Lagunitas last summer, you asked me to return the plates of your article on Enteropneusta prepared for the Harriman Alaska Expedition Reports. I have finally dug them out of the mass of Harriman material, and am forwarding them to you by express today. There are 16 of these plates, 2 colored, 14 plain.

As I find no trace of the accompanying article, I assume that you have it. I have not however had time to look up our old correspondence in the matter.

With best wishes and kindest regards to you both,

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

April 3, 1920.

Eastman Kodak Company,

Rochester, N. Y.

Dear Sirs:

Replying to your letter of April 1, signed G. W. Kellogg, would say that owing to the difficulty of making up in couplets the four negatives sent you of two men, you may select the best negative of each man and ignore the other. I had not intended to have them joined as a continuous picture, but merely to be placed side by side with either a black or blank division between the two. However, this is of not enough consequence to compensate for the difficulties you mention.

In the case of the negatives showing the two Indian women in the middle of the negative carrying loads of wood, you state that the enlargement of the women alone would not be good. I did not mean to cut out just the women, but to make an enlargement of the central part of the negative so as to show the women a little better than in an enlargement that would take in the whole negative. If the women would not come out distinctly, you had better ignore this second enlargement and slide.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

April 5, 1920.

Col. J. A. McGuire,
Editor, Outdoor Life,
Denver, Colorado.

My dear Colonel McGuire:

Thanks for your letter of March 30 in regard to the Mitton-Hubrick Bear photograph, concerning which I wrote you. I am obliged for your courtesy in writing Mr. Mitton, and hope he will send me the skull.

You are entirely correct as to the Big Bears of the White River region. They are all Grizzlies. I have never seen the skull of a Brown Bear from any locality in the interior of either Alaska or British Columbia.

Very truly yours,

CHB:MG

April 5, 1920

Dr. George Otis Smith, Director,
U.S. Geological Survey,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Doctor Smith:

Very many thanks for your letter of the 3d inst., and for the topographic maps sent me.

I regret that the combined Sacramento Valley Sheets A, B, C, & D are exhausted, inasmuch as they are vastly more convenient than the individual small sheets of the same area.

From my personal use of the Survey's map sheets, extending over a period of more than 35 years, both in the field and office, I find the combined sheets such as the three of Southern California, the large one of the Bay Region, and the long one of Sacramento Valley immeasurably more convenient than the small sheets of which they are composed. These and the combined maps of the National Parks are to my mind the most useful maps ever produced of any part of the United States. If the long Sacramento Valley map extended over the foothills a few miles farther east and a few miles farther west, it would be of inestimable value to thousands of map-users.

While on the subject of the Survey's map sheets, you may be interested to know that for more than 35 years hardly a day has passed in which I have not consulted one or more of the Survey's map sheets; and that without these maps my field work would have been very seriously handicapped, and the final results much less complete.

Very truly yours,

April 5, 1920.

Mr. Albert Britt,
Editor, Outing,
145 W 36th St.,
New York City.

My dear Sir:

April 'Outing' arrived this morning, and on looking it over I am shocked to find on page 25 the reproduction of a photograph of a Nighthawk labeled "A saucy little Sparrow Hawk." A Sparrow Hawk is a Hawk; a Nighthawk is a Goatsucker, closely allied to the Whip-poor-Will. A Nighthawk is not more closely related to a Sparrow Hawk than is a rat to a cat.

I think you will agree with me that this is even worse than the totem-pole case.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

April 5, 1920.

Mr. S. W. Allen,
Forest Service,
Yreka, Calif.

My dear Sir:

Last fall you were kind enough to reply to several of my inquiries concerning certain geographic names in your part of California.

I now wish to trouble you again for similar information. Hedick M'Kee and George Gibbs of the Indian Service ascended Klamath River and visited Scott and Shasta valleys in the early fall of 1851, at which time Yreka was a new booming mining town called Shasta Butte City.

In their reports on the trip, mention is made of a Deer Creek, apparently not far from Scott Valley, and of an Indian Ferry near Seiad Creek by means of which prospectors and others from Scott Valley crossed the Klamath to the north side when bound for points lower down in Klamath Canyon. Can you give me the location of this old crossing? And do you know if there is a Deer Creek conveniently accessible from either Scott Valley or the Yreka region?

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

*and to you from a Big Bear Valley, apparently, near the
Highway from Scott Valley to the River?
and to the river, Big Bear Valley, and you know, naturally.*

April 6, 1920.

Mr. Wilbur I. Thayer,
San Rafael, Calif.

Dear Mr. Thayer:

When I saw you last you promised to send me the bill of expenses for the new gear-ring and new axles for 'Susie'--which parts had not arrived at the time of my departure--but I have never heard from you. I shall be obliged therefore if you will kindly send me your bill, so I may settle to date.

We hope to reach California this year before the end of May.

With best wishes to you all,

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

Dr. C. Hart Merriam regrets his inability to accept the kind invitation of the President and Members of the American Philosophical Society for dinner at the Bellevue-Stratford on Saturday evening, April 24, at 7:30 o'clock.

April 6, 1920

Washington Loose Leaf Company,
1342 New York Avenue,
Washington, D. C.

April 7, 1920.

The map sheets sent you for mounting reached me last evening.

During the last 35 years I have had mounted several thousand maps, but I am obliged to admit that I never before saw such a slovenly, sloppy, ill-advised piece of work as this. If you are not prepared to do map-mounting and do not know how, why didn't you say so in the beginning? Many maps have been mounted right here in my own office by my office clerks without any outfit except paste-pot and electric flat-iron and the results have been a hundred percent better than yours.

One of the maps which was clean when delivered to you is now so badly stained that you will have to replace it. I refer to the Point Reyes Quadrangle of the Geological Survey.

Several others have been folded at the bottom, which should not have been done, there being plenty of room for them on the sheets if properly trimmed.

When I took the maps to your office, I took special pains to say to the person in charge that if there were any cases in which doubt might arise as to the proper method of mounting, to call on me for information before proceeding with the work. This you have not done.

L.L.Co.--2.

Furthermore, instead of leaving the maps in press until they were fully dry, they were sent damp, and began to curl as soon as they were released from the wrapping.

I shall be obliged if you will send some one to my office at the Northumberland, Apartment 701, for the worst of these maps--some of which were unnecessarily folded and others which are full of air bubbles and wrinkles--to be done over.

The Point Reyes Quadrangle, as before stated, you will have to replace; also any other which you may injure in remounting.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

April 9, 1920.

Mr. Will C. Barnes,
Assistant Forester,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Barnes:

Thanks for your letter of April 7 in regard to certain Indians of the Paskenta region. It is one of the best examples I ever saw of a reply to a specific question without any information as to the specific point of inquiry.

On November 13 I wrote Mr. E. H. Mace of the Forest Service at Willows, California, stating: "Some of the Paskenta Indians (Andrew Freeman and others) are anxious to obtain allotments or patents within the California National Forest, 10 or 12 miles west of Paskenta and north of Bears Den. They say the place they would like to get into is in or near Henderson Canyon. The place is not very near any wagon road. You of course know whether or not such a thing would be possible.

To this letter I have never received a reply.

After returning to Washington I called on Mr. Graves and asked the same question, namely: whether Andrew Freeman of Thoms Creek, Joe Brown of Tehama, and possibly one or two other Indians could establish homes for themselves, with small bands of sheep, in the locality mentioned, namely, Henderson Canyon, about 12 miles west of Paskenta and north of Bears Den-- I believe in Sections 5 and 6. Mr. Graves called in Mr. Potter, and being unable to answer the question offhand, said they would write to the California Supervisor and let me know.

...S.

The information you transmit from District Ranger Durham, who obtained it from a store-keeper at Paskenta, while interesting, appears to have no relation whatever to my question. It is true that Andrew Freeman formerly owned 147 acres in Thoms Creek basin, but of this he sold 80 acres to Mrs. Jordan, retaining 67. But this is neither here nor there. What the Indians want to know is whether or not they may be permitted to establish homes where they can undertake the raising of sheep on their own account in the part above indicated of the California National Forest.

Mr. Durham is correct in stating that Joe Brown is an educated Indian, and owns a house and lot at Tehama. I have visited him at his Tehama home, but the understanding that "he wants no grazing privileges" is erroneous, as Brown assures me that he is most anxious to obtain the asked-for privilege above mentioned.

Thanking you for your attention in the matter,

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

E. H. Mace

April 9, 1920.

Dr. Charles D. Walcott, Secretary
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Walcott:

Referring to your letter of the 2d inst., asking for the title of articles suitable for the Smithsonian Report Appendix, I regret to say that on account of my eyes and the pressure of work, I read very little, except in my special lines.

The only article noticed during the year which struck me as peculiarly noteworthy and at the same time of popular interest is 'The Origins of Civilization' by Prof. James H. Breasted of the University of Chicago. This contribution was published in the 'Science Monthly', beginning October 1919 and ending with the March 1920 number. But I fear it is much longer than the sort of article you are seeking, and that it requires too many illustrations.

Regretting that I cannot help you out,

Very truly yours,

CHM:NG

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April 10, 1920.

Mr. G. W. Kellogg,
Eastman Kodak Company,
Rochester, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 7th inst. is at hand, relating to the negatives sent you on March 22. But as you say nothing as to when the slides will be shipped, and as the time is rapidly approaching when I will have to use them, I am getting alarmed. I have to use them on the 26th of this month, and wish to have most of them colored in advance, so, as you see, there is little time to lose.

Trusting you will expedite the work and ship as soon as possible,

Very truly yours,

CHE:MG

Mr. Johnson,
Eastman Kodak Company,
Rochester, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 10th inst. enclosing bill of \$36.48 for work recently sent you is at hand. I note that you ask for payment in advance. The practice of this office is that bills are paid the first of each month from my account in the Smithsonian Institution, so that yours would naturally be paid the 1st of May. This is by far the most satisfactory method of payment to both the Smithsonian and myself, but if you are unwilling to wait until May, I will send you my personal check, although the Smithsonian objects to this method of payment for amounts exceeding \$5.

An early reply will oblige,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

April 12, 1920.

Dear Preble:

Was James Macoun at the Pribilof Islands with you and Osgood in 1914? And do you happen to know what years he visited the Islands after 1891 (in addition to the year 1914?)

Last summer you wrote me concerning the skull of a Grizzly received July 14, 1919, from Oscar Landry of Bella Coola, that the back part of one side of the jaw was gone and that there was a bullet hole through the nose and palate. Landry writes me that this is an error; that the skull in question is perfect, the Bear having been shot through the spine.

I wonder if this means that two skulls in the Collection have been transposed, and if so, if it's possible at this late date to straighten them out.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam
Mr. E. A. Preble,
U.S. Biological Survey,
Washington, D. C.

April 12, 1920.

Mr. Nagamichi Kuroda,
Fukuyoshi Cho,
Akasaka, Tokyo.

My dear Sir:

Your letter of March 12 has come to hand,
along with the papers you were kind enough to send me
on birds and mammals, and for which I am very much obliged.

I am glad to know that you wish to become a
member of the American Society of Mammalogists, and have
given your name to the Secretary, who will attend to the
details.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hartley Jackson

CHM:MG

April 12, 1920.

Dr. Hartley H. T. Jackson,
Corresponding Secretary,
Am. Society of Mammalogists,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Jackson:

Nagamichi Kuroda, whose address is Fukuyoshi Cho,
Akasaka, Tokyo, writes me that he wishes to become a member
of the American Society of Mammalogists, and to receive its
publications from the beginning. He asks how much money he
shall send and how it should be sent.

If you will kindly write him I shall be obliged.

Very truly yours,

C. Hartley Jackson

CHM:MG

He has already been paid \$10.00

April 12, 1920.

Miss Ruth Hill, Editor-In-Chief,
Richard G. Badger Publisher,
194 Boylston St.,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Miss Hill:

Replying to your letter of the 18th inst.,
would say that at present I have no manuscript ready for
publication. The only non-technical manuscript likely
to be ready within a few months is a popular booklet on
the Indians of Yosemite National Park, with numerous
illustrations from photographs.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

C. H. Merriam

April 13, 1920.

Dear Arch:

Yours of March 31 arrived duly, and I went far enough toward its acknowledgment to make out the enclosed check of \$3.36 in repayment of your expenses in getting the vocabularies from Ingunitas.

We are glad to know about the valuation jobs, and hope you have got into some of them.

Dorothy returned to Cambridge Saturday night, and by accident of good fortune took the last through train--no Pullmans having left since.

From the present outlook we may have to go to California with a wheel-barrow. Just now the outlook is rather disheartening, as there seems to be no telling what these striking switchmen have in mind. Anyhow, we will try to get through in some way.

As ever yours,

Mr. Arch. M. Gilbert,
411 Mills Building,
San Francisco, Calif.

April 13, 1920.

Mr. Laurence M. Huey,

Ojai, California.

Dear Mr. Huey:

Your letter of the 7th inst. has just arrived, and I am glad to know that you are undertaking to learn the prominent trees, shrubs, and flowering plants of California. The best book for Southern California is entitled 'Flora of Los Angeles & Vicinity' by LeRoy Abrams. It contains descriptions of most of the Southern California plants. For northern California, Jepsom's 'Flora of Western Middle California' (2d ed.) is by far the best single work.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

April 15, 1920.

Mr. Will C. Barnes,
Assistant Forester,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Barnes:

In platting some distributions on the 1919 map of the California National Forest, a copy of which you were kind enough to give me a short time ago, I notice a few errors which you may want to call to the attention of the proper map man.

In the northwestern part of the map the words 'Former Round Valley Indian Reservation' are many miles out of the way, covering a mountainous region instead of Round Valley in which the town of Covelo is situated. Its position was correctly indicated on the 1915 edition of this map.

In the northeastern part of the map the creek that passes Iaskenta is labeled 'Thomas Creek.' On the 1915 edition it was correctly printed 'Thoms Creek.'

The form and size of Clear lake is much nearer correct on the new map than on the old, but the south end of ~~Lower~~ lake is not indicated, although there is plenty of room for it on the map; and its outlet, Cache Creek, is left off. It is shown on the 1915 edition. On the new edition the name 'Cache Creek' is placed on North Fork instead of on the main stream.

In view of the fact that a good many wagon roads are shown, is not it a little strange that the main State Highway leading north from Redbluff is omitted altogether?

Very truly yours,
W. C. Barnes

April 15, 1920.

Dear Doctor Jackson:

Replying to your letter of the 13th inst. about the Council and Business Sessions of the American Society of Mammalogists, I agree with you that the first Council Meeting had better be held at the Museum on Monday morning May 3 at 9 o'clock.

The Business Session is another matter and involves other considerations. Sometimes it is well not to have the Business Meeting too early, in order to give members from a distance a chance to make suggestions. Personally, I feel it would be better to follow rather than precede the open meeting of the first day. If my memory serves me correctly, it has always been the practice of the A.O.U. to hold the Business Meeting in the evening. That might be a good example to follow, if it does not conflict with something else.

If you have any suggestions, let me hear from you over the phone.

Very truly yours,

Dr. Hartley H. T. Jackson,
Corresponding Secretary,
American Soc. of Mammalogists,
Washington, D. C.

April 17, 1920.

Postmaster,

Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Dear Sir:

A letter addressed by me to the Manager of Hudson Bay Company's Post, Baillie Island, N.W.T., has just been returned from your office without comment.

May I ask why it was returned? I had been given to understand that letters for the Arctic were forwarded through the Northwestern Mounted Police. If the address is incorrect, I shall be obliged for information as to how this and similar letters for the Arctic Coast should be addressed.

The envelope returned from your office is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully,

CHM:MG

April 19, 1920.

Miss Ethel A. Strohmeier,
Secretary, Lecture Dept.,
University of California,
Berkeley, California.

My dear Miss Strohmeier:

Replying to your letter of the 13th inst. received this morning, would say that I can arrange my field work so as to be in Yosemite at the time you mention--the fourth week in June.

Nothing was said to me about providing special titles for the separate lectures, and I had supposed that the general title 'Indian Tribes of Yosemite Region' was sufficient for all. You ask for "the subject of each individual lecture with a brief synopsis." I have not yet taken the matter up, and therefore am unable at present to furnish differential subjects for the three lectures. The synopsis may as well go over for a few years.

Very truly yours,

P.S. As I shall have a rather large number of colored lantern slides--probably at least 200--I should be glad to know a little more about the kind of a place provided for illustrated lectures. Is there in the Valley a hall large enough to seat a reasonably large audience?

C.H.M.

April 19, 1920.

Dr. Stephen T. Mather, Director
National Park Service,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Mather:

Can you tell me offhand what provision exists in Yosemite Valley for lectures illustrated with lantern slides?

I have been invited to deliver some of the LeConte Lectures, and expect to use a good many slides. I was told that provision had been made for the use of slides, but am in the dark as to whether or not there is any hall large enough to seat such audiences as may be reasonably expected.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

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April 19, 1920.

Kny-Scheerer Corporation,
404 West 27th St.,
New York City.

Dear Sirs:

Replying to your letter of April 6, forwarded
from Lagunitas, would say that I have no interest in the
Bear skulls you mention at the prices named.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

April 20, 1920.

Hon. Cato Sells, Commissioner,
Office of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In 1851 Col. Redick McKee, one of the Indian Commissioners sent to California to make treaties and to locate reservations for various Indian tribes, traveled northward from San Francisco to Clear Lake, Humboldt Bay, and Klamath River, and ascended Klamath River as far as the neighborhood of Shasta Valley. In his Reports, he refers to maps and sketches by George Gibbs, a member of his party, stating that these maps were sent to the Indian Office with his Reports.

Will you kindly inform me if these maps are still extant? If so, I should much appreciate the privilege of examining them at your office.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

April 20, 1920.

Mr. R. R. Mitton,
Sherman, Maine.

Dear Sir:

Dr. Walcott, Secretary of the Smithsonian, has referred to me your letter of April 17, in which you mention that you have the skull of a female Brown Bear killed by you last fall at Hector.

There are several places called Hector in Canada: one on Hudson Strait; one on Manitou Lake, Ontario; one in the Rocky Mountains of Alberta; and one in Kootenay District, B.C. If you will kindly tell me which Hector was the home of this Bear, I will be better able to judge of its value. I infer however that in using the term 'Brown Bear' you mean the brown color phase of the common Black Bear, not the Big Brown Bear of the Pacific Coast region.

Skulls of females of the Black Bear group are worth only about \$2, while those of the Big Coast Bears are worth very much more.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG


April 20, 1920.

Dear Doctor Penrose:

I have recently seen a clipping to the effect that Wildcats have killed six large buck deer in Kaul Park at Trout Run near St. Marys.

If this is true, you doubtless are familiar with the facts, and I shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly let me know your belief in the matter. It is well known of course that Bobcats kill fawns, but that they would attack or could kill a large buck is hard to believe.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,


Dr. Charles B. Penrose, President
Board of Game Commissioners,
1331 Spruce St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

April 23, 1920.

Hon. Homer P. Snyder,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Can you send me a copy of the Hearings before
your subcommittee, on the 'Indian Tribes of California',
Hearing of March 23, 1920?

I could make good use of two copies if you have
them to spare.

Very truly yours,

C. H. Hart

CHM:MG

April 23, 1920.

Hon. Cato Sells,
Commissioner, Indian Office,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

During your administration of the Indian Office
my name seems to have dropped from your mailing list, so
that I have not received copies of your Annual Report or
any other documents from your office, except the Report
for the year ended June 30, 1919, which I have.

If you have copies of the previous Reports,
I should greatly appreciate a set.

Very truly yours,

C. H. Hart

CHM:MG

April 24, 1920.

Dear Doctor Dixon:

Your letter reached me yesterday. I was much disturbed to learn that you had been here and gone back to Cambridge without seeing me, and am very much disappointed that you are not to be here during the Meeting of the National Academy next week. I did not know that you had called either at my house or office, and wish you had phoned me so that I might have arranged to meet you at your convenience.

Referring again to the word Okwanutsu: I cannot agree with you that Ookwahtoo means 'up-hill' instead of 'up-stream', for the reason that I obtained it, in reply to inquiry for the word 'up-river', from both Shasta Valley and Upper Klamath Shaste, and also another year from the Salmon River Konomehoo. You will agree with me that one is unlikely to obtain exactly the same word for the same thing from three different Indians in three different localities during three different years unless it is correct. But you are of course right in saying that Okwah means 'far off', as I got it in this form from both Shasta Valley and Upper Klamath Shaste, and in the form of Okwah from the Konomehoo.

Now that we have been unable to meet, I wonder if you will not be willing to give me the values in English of the several vowel sounds used in your papers, and also the values of a, s, and ts. Your remark that your spelling is the one ordinarily used among American philologists hardly suffices.

R. B. D.--2.

in view of the circumstance that practically every writer on Indian languages has a system of his own.

Another matter: In referring to three publications of the Census Office relating to the Census of 1910, I am in doubt whether to quote 'Dixon' or 'U.S. Census' as authority for tribal names and spellings. I refer particularly to (1) a circular issued from the Census Office April 15, 1910, entitled 'Special Instructions to Enumerators Relating to the Enumeration of the Indians', small 8vo, pp. 7; (2) a bulletin published June 26, 1913, entitled 'Thirteenth Census of the United States: 1910. Bulletin Population: United States. Statistics of the Indian Population', quarto, pp. 25; (3) final Census Report entitled 'Indian Population in the United States and Alaska, 1910', published in 1915, quarto, pp. 285.

Regretting very much that I missed you,

Very truly yours,

Dr. Roland B. Dixon,
Harvard University,
Cambridge, Mass.

April 24, 1920.

Dr. William F. Badé,
2616 Collevé Ave.,
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Doctor Badé:

Many thanks for your letter of the 15th inst. just received. I am glad you told me about the letter from F. N. Bassett about the Squirrels, as it is easy to set him right; and as I do not know his address, I shall be obliged if you will kindly tell him that the northwestern Red or Pine Squirrel, to which the scientific name Sciurus douglasi belongs, is an inhabitant of the humid coast strip of Oregon and Washington, and that the scientific name of its relative in the Sierra is Sciurus albolimbatus.

The Ground Squirrel to which he refers, Citellus douglasi, belongs to a different genus, and, as he well knows, is a widely different animal.

I am glad that you have recently had a visit from Henry Fairfield Osborn--which reminds me of the 'Save the Redwoods Association', in which we all feel a very deep interest.

Yes, I have been asked to give three of the LeConte Lectures in Yosemite the latter part of June on subject of the 'Indians of the Yosemite Region.'

Your statement about the constant interruptions that interfere with continuous work leads me to remark that you are not alone in this respect, and that any one who could devise a plan by which scientific and literary men could devote their working hours continuously to the work in hand would confer a boon on humanity.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Badé and yourself, in which Mrs. M. and Zenaida join, and hoping to see you during the coming season,

Very truly yours,

April 24, 1920.

Mr. C. S. Sloane, Secretary
U.S. Geographic Board,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Sloane:

Thanks for yours of the 26th inst. enclosing two letters from Mr. McGuire, both of which are returned to you herewith.

I think all members of the Board will agree with you that McGuire has entirely outstepped his authority in assuming to speak officially for the Board, it being clearly the function of the Secretary to inform interested persons as to the action of the Board in any particular case.

This is not the first time that this sort of thing has occurred, and I quite agree with you that it should be mentioned at the next Meeting.

Unfortunately, I shall not be able to attend the May Meeting, as I am obliged to be in New York the first week in May to preside at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Mammalogists.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

April 26, 1920.

Dr. Paul C. Standley,
U.S. National Museum,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Standley:

In gradually going over last summer's accumulation of publications, I have just come across your note entitled 'A New *Nyctelea* Name'.

I am horrified to find that you have thrown aside the beautiful euphonious and easily remembered *Nyctelea nyctelea*. You do not intimate that the specific name *nyctelea* is ante-dated, nor give any other reason so far as I can see for changing the name, merely stating, "It is desirable to avoid the use of such duplicate binomials." From my standpoint, exactly the contrary is true, and I do not know of any hope of salvation for your new name *ambigua*, which, according to my point of view, was born a synonym.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

A. H. S. Miller

April 26, 1920

Mr. Lyle Miller,
Southern Branch
University of California,
Los Angeles, Calif.

My dear Mr. Miller:

Your note in the last 'Condor' about finding the *Leucosticis* below timber-line in the Tallac region interests me. But you make use of two English names which, it seems to me, we naturalists ought to do all in our power to get rid of, namely: Douglas Chickaree and Tamarack Pine.

Douglas Chickaree is an inhabitant of the humid coast forests of Oregon and Washington, while the Sierra Chickaree (or Sierra Pine Squirrel), whose scientific name you have given correctly, would seem to deserve its own name. The unfortunate fact that John Muir confounded it with the Douglas Squirrel of the coast is hardly a good reason for perpetuating the error.

Tamarack Pine is a most unfortunate name, as there is no such thing. The pine which many Californians misname in this way is the Murray or Lodgepole Pine, *Pinus murrayana*. Why on earth anyone should call it Tamarack Pine is beyond my comprehension, especially since no species of Tamarack enters the State of California.

Some of these days I hope to call on you in Los Angeles, but meanwhile should you visit the Bay Region during the summer or fall, I should be very glad if you would let me know so that I may show you our home stamping-ground at Lagunitas.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

A. H. S. Miller

April 26, 1920.

Mr. R. B. Mitton,
Sherman, Maine.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 21st inst., would say that I am glad to know the locality where your Bear was killed.

I cannot offer any higher price for it without seeing the skull, and should doubt if it would be worth more anyway. The charges are paid at this end of the line, so if you decide to send it, please ship by express, charges collect, addressed: U.S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Please attach a label or tag to the skull, stating where the Bear was killed, date of killing, and sex, and also your own name; and write your name also on the outside of the package. This is for the purpose of identification, as we often receive several packages of skulls the same day, and in some cases are unable to tell who sent them.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 26, 1920.

Hon. Homer P. Snyder,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

Very many thanks for your courtesy and promptness in mailing me the two copies asked for of your Hearings of March 23 on the 'Indian Tribes of California.'

I am very glad to have these copies.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

April 28, 1920.

Mr. C. S. Sloane, Secretary
U.S. Geographic Board,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Sloane:

Replying to yours of the 26th inst., would say that in view of the single case thus far booked for the next Meeting of the Geographic Board, I quite agree with you that it would be better to omit the May Meeting, so that the next one will be held the first week in June.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

April 28, 1920.

Dear Seton:

Thanks for your invitation just received to dine at your house and spend the night of May 4 with you, in connection with the coming Meeting of the American Society of Mammalogists. I shall be very glad to do this if it does not conflict with the business of the Meeting.

I have not seen the program, and do not know what arrangements the Local Committee may have made. But if no meeting of the Council is to be held on that evening, I don't see any reason why I should not be free to go.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Ernest T. Seton,
Greenwich, Conn.

April 29, 1920.

Mr. A. C. McCain,
Forest Supervisor,
Jackson, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

Very many thanks for your letter of the 20th inst., just received.

Yes, I am most anxious to see the big Grizzly skull you mention, and shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly ship it by express, charges collect, addressed:
U.S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D.C.

Please pack the skull securely so that it may not be injured in transit.

Kindly fill out the accompanying label, and attach it to the skull. Be sure to write your name on the label and also on the outside of the box. We sometimes receive several shipments of Bear skulls the same day, and unless they are carefully labeled, there is great difficulty in determining who they are from.

Payment for this skull will be made in connection with my May account, so that you will receive your check early in June.

Thanking you for your attention in the matter,

Very truly yours,

CNM:MG

April 29, 1920.

Mr. Wilbur I. Thayer,
San Rafael, Calif.

Dear Mr. Thayer:-

Thanks for your letter of the 2nd inst., enclosing bill. My check in payment for same (\$93.11) is enclosed herewith. Kindly return receipted bill.

Should you happen to hear of any one who would like to buy this car, I should be glad to receive an offer. She is rather big and heavy for my work, but with her new axles and gear-ring ought to be good for some years to come.

We are restless at having to stay here so long, and hope to get off soon after the middle of next month.

Your mention of your drive by way of Manzanita to Bolinas, Inverness, and Lagunitas reminds us of one of the most beautiful of the many beautiful drives in Marin County. We have taken it several times. I suppose the roads are better now than they were a couple of years ago.

With best wishes to you all,

Very truly yours,

P.S. Please send me by return mail the part of my license which I have to send to Sacramento for renewal.--C.H.M.

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April 29, 1920.

Dear Mr. Church:

Thanks for your account, which reached me during the Meeting just closed of the National Academy of Sciences, which explains my delay in acknowledgment. A check in payment will be sent you from my account in the Smithsonian in about a week.

I greatly appreciate the pains you took in making this map, and hope you will be able to complete it for me next fall on my return from California with additional data.

Very truly yours,

Mr. Henry F. Church,
Apt. 27, The Octavia,
Columbia & Quarry Roads,
Washington, D. C.

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April 30, 1920.

Mr. W. I. Adams, Accountant,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Adams:

Herewith I am enclosing my expense account for April, amounting to \$23.25, and vouchers as per accompanying list, which I shall be obliged if you will kindly pay as usual from the Harriman Fund.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Accompanying Vouchers:

Z. Merriam, Services Asst. \$31.50
H. F. Church, drafting (MS map of northern Calif) 21.50
N. H. Kent, negatives & slides 9.85
Eastman Kodak Co., making slides & enlargements 40.71
Mrs. Lena M. Hodge, coloring slides 45.00

Bear Skulls: 18.00
Walter Gamble 7.00
H. Moses 14.00
John Paulson

Rent Office Apt. for May 71.50
Telephone 1.55

260.61

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C. Hart Merriam

Northumberland Apartment, Washington, D. C.

EXPENSE ACCOUNT FOR APRIL 1920

Subvouchers

1920
April

2	Express chgs. on plates to La Jolla, Calif.	1	62
5	Subscription to 'Game Breeder' 1 yr.		1 00
8	Subscription to 'Outing' 1 yr.		4 00
10	April 'Forest & Stream' .25; Stamped envelopes 1.08		1 33
	Winsor & Newton water colors, 8" @ .30		2 40
	6 water color brushes @ .15		90
	Car tickets (Library work)		50
16	Sheldon's 'Wilderness of Yukon' (new ed.) <i>entire</i>		4 00
27	Nat. Geog. Soc., photog. map northern Calif.		1 00
	Charwoman for cleaning office during April	2	5 00
	Janitor service		1 50
	Electric current from Feb. 24 to March 24	3	1 00
			23 25

-----Twenty-three-----

--Twenty-five---

23.25

C. Hart Merriam

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Zenaida Merriam

1919 16th St., Washington, D. C.

1920
April
30

To services as Assistant, 9 days at \$3.50

31 50

31 50

-----Thirty-one-----

-----fifty-----

31.50

C. H. Merriam
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Henry F. Church

Apt. 27, The Octavia, Columbia & Quarry Rds.,
Washington, D. C.

1920
April
23

To work on MS Map of Northern California:

20½ hours drafting @ \$1.00
Tracing linen

20 50
1 00

21 50

-----Twenty-one-----

-----fifty-----

21.50

C. H. Church
XXXXXX

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N. H. Kent

Berkshire Apartments, 1412 Chapin Street,
Washington, D. C.

1920
April

To making 8 negatives
" " 13 slides

4 00
5 85

9 85

-----Nine-----

---eighty-five---

9.85

W. H. Kent

550

Mrs. Lena Murray Hodge

136 Bryant St. N.W., Washington, D. C.

1920
April
30

To coloring 90 lantern slides @ 50cts.

45 00

45 00

-----Forty-five-----

-----no-----

45.00

Lena Murray Hodge

Walter Gamble

Tenakee, Alaska.

1920
April
7

2 Grizzly skulls:

1 old male from Basket Bay, Chichagof Id.
1 adult female from Corner Bay, Baranof Id.

12 00
6 00

18 00

18.00

-----Eighteen-----

-----no-----

C. Hart Merriam

H. Moses

Juneau, Alaska.

1920
April
28

Skull of 1 adult female Grizzly, Hawk Inlet
2 skulls of young " " Funter Bay
2 " " female Blacks, "Chichagof Id."

4 00
1.00 2 00
.50 1 00

7 00

-----Seven-----

-----no-----

7.00

C. Hart Merriam

John Paulson

Gulkana, Alaska

1920
April
7

1 skull of yg.-ad.male Grizzly, Chesna River.	10 00
2 Black Bear skulls:	
1 old male from Copper River Region	3 00
1 adult female	1 00

14 00

-----Fourteen-----

-----no-----

14.00

C. Hart Merriam

April 30, 1920.

Mr. John Paulson,
Gulkana, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of March 8 came sometime ago, and the skulls to which you refer have also arrived, along with a male Black Bear skull from Indian River received day before yesterday. For these I have credited you \$14, a check for which will be sent you from my account in the Smithsonian in a few days. The large male skull from Chesna River was by no means fully-adult, or it would have been worth more.

Owing to shortage of funds, I shall be obliged to cut down on Bear skulls during the present year.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

April 30, 1920.

Mr. Walter Gamble,
Tenakee, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of March 18 reached me in due course, and the two Bear skulls which you shipped at about the same time have now arrived. For these a check of \$18 will be sent you in a few days from my account in the Smithsonian Institution.

The canine teeth of your big skull were broken completely off and split in pieces, apparently from striking against the inside of the box in which they were packed. This is a pity, for otherwise the skull is a fine one.

Owing to shortage of funds, I shall not be able to do much in the way of purchasing Bear skulls during the present year.

Thanks for your interesting account of the hunt.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

C. Hart Merriam

April 30, 1920.

Mr. H. Moses,
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 10th inst., would state that the female Bear skull from Hawk Inlet arrived a couple of days ago, and is badly stained. Am allowing you \$4 for this skull, and \$3 for skulls previously received--\$7 in all--as per voucher which will accompany check which will be sent you in a few days.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

C. Hart Merriam

April 30, 1920.

Miss Ethel A. Strohmeyer,
Secretary, Lecture Dept.,
University of California,
Berkeley, Calif.

My dear Miss Strohmeyer:

Your telegram reached me during the Meeting of the National Academy of Sciences, just closed.

As stated in my previous letter, I have not yet undertaken the preparation of the Yosemite Lectures, but since receipt of your telegram have looked over my material enough to see that I am likely to speak on the following subjects:

Indians of Yosemite Region:

History, including treatment by whites
Tribal divisions and areas
Villages, round-houses, sweat-houses
Biological Environment in relation to customs, beliefs,
food, and clothing
Implements and utensils of chase and industry, including
basketry
Units of length and value
Chiefs and doctors
Ceremonials
Musical instruments
Cremation
Relations with neighboring tribes
Comparisons with other tribes
Beliefs, including ghosts and myths

Just how these will measure up as to subjects for the separate lectures, it is impossible for me to say, and I don't see that it makes the slightest difference.
I have already had more than 200 slides made and colored, and shall have a few more before I finish.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

April 30, 1920.

Mr. Will C. Barnes,
Assistant Forester,
Forest Service,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Barnes:

Very many thanks for your letter of April 26, giving me additional information concerning the Paskenta Indian situation. I am glad to have this.

Acting on your suggestion, I have written the Honorable Commissioner of Indian Affairs asking if they are contemplating the purchase of land for these Paskenta Indians.

With thanks for your continued trouble in the matter,

Very truly yours,

P.S. In case you are able to get hold of copies of the maps of Trinity and California National Forests, I should be mighty glad to have two copies of each.

C.H.M.

April 30, 1920.

Hon. Cato Sells,
Commissioner Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

Many thanks for your courtesy in sending me copies of your Annual Reports for 1912 to 1918, inclusive, except one for 1915 which I can probably obtain, as you suggest, from the Superintendent of Documents.

I am obliged also for a copy of your letter addressed to Mrs. F. W. Haman at San Diego, relating largely to the much misunderstood subject of citizenship of Indians and related matters. I am glad to have this official statement from you.

If consistent with the policy of your Office, I should be obliged if you would kindly tell me whether or not you are expecting to purchase any land for the Nomlakke Indians on Thoms Creek near Paskenta. There seems to be a good deal of discontent among these Indians because of the uncertainty of their future, both as to homes and as to grazing privileges.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

April 30, 1920.

Mr. R. Mitton,
C/o Jordan Marsh Co.,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Very many thanks for your kind letter of the 20th inst. in relation to the Grizzly you killed in the North last season.

I fully appreciate that when so big an animal as a Grizzly is killed a long distance from one's base, the bringing in of the skull in addition to the pelt is a pretty big undertaking, and don't wonder that you did not save the skull.

I am glad to know that the apparent shortness of the legs was due to the way the Bear was propped up in relation to the position of the photographer. I had come to that conclusion after writing Col. McGuire.

Again thanking you for your courtesy in writing,

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

BY-LAWS
AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MAMMALOGISTS

ARTICLE I. NAME AND OBJECTS

- Sec.1. This society shall be known as the American Society of Mammalogists.
- Sec.2. The object of the Society shall be the promotion of the interests of mammalogy by holding meetings, issuing a serial or other publications, aiding research, and engaging in such other activities as may be deemed expedient.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP

- Sec.1. The Society shall consist of Members, Honorary Members, and Patrons.
- Sec.2. Any person may become a Member upon recommendation of two Members and election at the next annual stated meeting, or by special election at other times by a two-thirds vote of the Directors (which may be obtained by correspondence). Members are entitled to vote for all officers and to receive the serial publication of the Society.
- Sec.3. Honorary members shall be elected by a majority vote of the Society upon unanimous recommendation of the Directors in recognition of distinguished services to mammalogy. They shall be exempt from all dues and shall be entitled to all privileges of members except that they shall not be eligible to office or to membership on the Board of Directors.

- Sec.4. On payment of one thousand dollars, any person recommended by the Board of Directors may be elected a patron and shall be entitled to all the privileges of a member, shall receive all publications of the Society, and shall be exempt from membership fees.

ARTICLE III. OFFICERS

- Sec.1. The officers of the Society shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, and a Treasurer. These, together with the Editor and ten persons elected from the Society at large, shall constitute the Board of Directors of the Society.
- Sec.2. Officers shall be elected annually and shall be eligible for reelection; they shall perform their duties until their successors shall qualify. The Editor shall be appointed by the Directors. Five Directors shall be elected annually from the Society at large and shall serve for two years. Officers shall be elected by a majority vote at the annual meeting, and their official term shall commence at the close of the meeting at which they are elected.
- Sec.3. Vacancies among the officers or Directors may be filled temporarily by appointment by the Directors, and persons so appointed shall hold office until their successors shall have been elected.

ARTICLE IV. MEETINGS

- Sec.1. An annual stated meeting shall be held in accordance with the action of the Society at the preceding annual meeting. Due notice of such meetings shall be given by the Corresponding Secretary.
- Sec.2. A special meeting of the Society may be called at any time by order of the Directors, provided that notice of the purpose and date of the meeting be given at least thirty days in advance.
- Sec.3. Sections of the Society may be organized by five or more members in any locality, with the approval of the Directors of the Society in each case, for the purpose of holding meetings for the presentation of papers or discussion. Sections may have their own officers and rules, but such rules shall not conflict with the By-Laws of the Society. Each section shall present to the Society an annual report of its activities.

ARTICLE V. QUORUM

Twenty-five shall constitute a quorum of the Society and five a quorum of the Directors.

ARTICLE VI. AMENDMENTS

Amendments to these By-Laws, recommended by the Directors, may be adopted at any annual stated meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided that notice of each

proposed amendment has been sent to each member two months before the meeting.

ARTICLE VII. RULES

Upon recommendation of the Directors, Rules may be adopted, amended, or repealed at any annual stated meeting by a majority vote.

ARTICLE VIII. FEES AND ACCOUNTS

- Sec.1. Annual dues for members shall be three dollars, payable in advance.
- Sec.2. Any member upon payment of seventy-five dollars at one time shall be entitled to life membership, and shall be exempt from membership dues.
- Sec.3. All moneys received from life members and patrons in consideration of their election as such, and all gifts for undesignated purposes, shall be invested as a permanent fund, the income of which may be used for special purposes as directed by a three-fourths vote of the Directors.
- Sec.4. The accounts of the Treasurer shall be audited as directed by the Board of Directors at the close of each year before presentation at the annual stated meeting of the Society.

R U L E S

RULE I. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election of officers shall be conducted as follows:

Nominations shall be made in each case by an informal ballot, and the result announced by the Secretary, after which the first formal ballot shall be taken.

In balloting for Vice-Presidents and the five additional Directors, each member shall write on one ballot as many names as there are officers to elect, namely, two on the first ballot for Vice-Presidents and five on the first ballot for Directors; and on each subsequent ballot as many names as there are officers still to be elected. Those persons who receive a majority of the votes cast shall be declared elected, provided that the number of persons receiving a majority does not exceed the number of persons to be elected, in which case the vacancies shall be filled by the candidates receiving the highest majorities.

If in any case the informal ballot result in giving a majority for one or more of the persons balloted for, it may be declared formal by a majority vote.

RULE II. ORDER OF BUSINESS

The order of business at the annual stated meeting unless changed by a two-thirds vote of members present shall be as follows:

1. Reading and approval of the minutes of the previous meeting.
2. Report of the Recording Secretary.
3. Report of the Corresponding Secretary.
4. Report of the Treasurer.
5. Election of members.
6. Election of officers and Directors.
7. Appointment of committees.
8. Report and recommendations of the Board of Directors.
9. Action on business reported by the Directors.
10. Consideration of amendments.
11. Reports of committees.
12. New and unfinished business.
13. Reading of minutes of the meeting.

May 6, 1920.

Mr. Leicester K. Davis,
Director of Service,
Franklin Printing Co.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 4th inst., I regret to say that it is impossible for me to prepare any article on Indians for the magazine of which you speak, as I am more than overwhelmed with work that must be finished before leaving for California in a few weeks. I am glad to know however that so promising a journal in behalf of our native Indians is to be published.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

C. Hartman

May 6, 1920.

Mr. R. B. Holland, Vice-President
Am. Game Protective Association,
Woolworth Building,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 3d inst., would say that in my opinion a census of the game animals of the United States is an utter impossibility. In the case of the remaining Buffalo, and of certain remnants of a few ~~deer~~ species, such as Elk, Sheep, and possibly Grizzly Bears, in National Forests and other restricted areas, such a thing might be possible, but in the main, the idea of a census of wild animals has always struck me as the result of an over-enthusiastic imagination.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

C. Hartman

May 6, 1920.

Mr. P. J. Hill,
Acting Forest Supervisor,
Yreka, California.

My dear Sir:

Very many thanks for your letter of April 28, giving me the locations of Indian Ferry, Big Oak Flat, and Big Bottom. The latter I had already determined from the Journals of McKee & Gibbs of 1851. I am greatly obliged for this definite information.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

E. H. Fisher

May 6, 1920

Dear Walter:

Very many thanks for your letter of April 28, giving me the exact location of Salt Lagoon and certain other places which I had failed to find. This is a material help. And when I have the pleasure of calling on you at Pacific Grove, which I hope to do next summer, I shall be very glad if you will introduce me to your friend Senor Abrigo.

I returned last night from the Second Annual Meeting of the American Society of Mammalogists. We had a fine meeting, with excellent papers on a number of subjects, and wound up yesterday with a lunch at the Bronx Zoological Park.

We are hoping to pull out for California the latter part of the present month.

With best wishes and many thanks,

Very truly yours,

E. H. Fisher

Dr. Walter K. Fisher,
Hopkins Marine Station,
Pacific Grove, Calif.

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May 6, 1920.

Dr. Joseph Grinnell,
Museum of Vertebrate Zoology,
University of California,
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Doctor Grinnell:

Have just returned from the New York Meeting of the American Society of Mammalogists, and thought you might be interested to know something about it. Enclosed is the local program. Many of the papers were of unusual interest and, as you will see from the list, they covered a wide field of subjects.

The old officers were reelected, with the exception that Taylor resigned as Treasurer and Gidley was put in his place.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

C. Hart Merriam

May 6, 1920.

Mr. John Paulson,
Gulkana, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of April 5, addressed to the Biological Survey, has just reached me. I was greatly surprised at your statement that you had not received the check of \$34 which I supposed had been sent you about a year ago.

On looking the matter up however, I do not find a record of the check and will therefore send you one for this amount when my next accounts go out about the first of June. If your letter had reached me a few days earlier, I would have added the amount to the check sent you last week.

Very truly yours,

CHL:MG

May 6, 1920.

Dr. A. L. Fisher,
Acting Chief, Biological Survey,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Fisher:

Thanks for yours of the 4th inst., enclosing copies of letters received from John Paulson and Andrew M. Taylor relating to Bear skulls shipped to the Biological Survey.

Taylor's shipment of three skulls from Chisana reminds me that three skulls addressed to E. W. Nelson and shipped from McCarthy, Alaska, were received a few days ago without data and without information as to who sent them. I am wondering if they could be this same lot.

We had a good Meeting in New York, but as usual at such meetings I acquired a bad cold.

Very truly yours,

CHL:MG

May 6, 1920.


Dr. Frank S. Daggett, Director
Museum of History, Science, & Art,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Doctor Daggett:

The May number of 'Outdoor Life', just received, contains an account of the killing of a mammoth Alaska Bear on Hinchinbrook Island, Prince William Sound, by Dr. W. H. Chase of Cordova. The account ends with the statement: "The Jones-McClelland party, collecting for the Los Angeles Museum of Natural History, had the skeleton brought in from the place where it was killed and have taken it to that institution for mounting."

This is of the greatest interest to me, for the reason that a couple of years ago I described a huge Bear from Hinchinbrook which I named Ursus muchek, but I had only a single skull of an adult male. It presents dental characters different from those of ordinary Big Brown and Grizzly Bears, and I am extremely anxious to see another specimen.

If this skull has really gone to your Museum, and you will allow me to examine it, I shall be greatly obliged. If you are willing to do this, kindly have it securely packed and shipped by express, charges collect, addressed: U.S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. I will compare it with the type specimen and return it promptly.

Very truly yours,


May 7, 1920.

State Printer,
Sacramento, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Have you still on hand among the early publications of the California Legislature a Report published in 1859 entitled 'Mendocino War. Correspondence Relative to Indian Affairs in Mendocino County, Containing Lieut. Dillon's Narrative Report of the Round Valley Campaign'. If so, I should be very glad to purchase a copy, and if you will kindly inform me as to the price, I will remit by return mail.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Haman

CHM:MG

May 7, 1920.

Mrs. F. W. Haman, President
San Diego Woman's Civic Center,
San Diego, California.

My dear Mrs. Haman:

A letter from Hon. Cato Sells, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, addressed to you, and dated March 31, 1920, concerning citizenship of Indians and other matters, states that he had received from your Organization certain Resolutions adopted January 9, 1920. This implies the existence of statements which I should be very glad to see, and I am wondering if it would be practicable for you to send me a copy of the Resolutions in question. If so, I should greatly appreciate the courtesy.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

C. Hart Haman

May 7, 1920.

Dr. John Harvey Kellogg, Editor
Good Health Publishing Co.,
Battle Creek, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 5th inst., asking me for an article on the acorn food of Indians, has just come to hand.

I published an article on this subject in the National Geographic Magazine of August 1918, illustrated by a number of photographs, covering the ground in a general way. I have many other photographs and much additional material on the same subject, but could not undertake the preparation of an article at this time, as I am hurrying to get away to California for the season's field-work.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

C. Hartman

May 8, 1920.

Dr. J. A. Allen,
Am. Museum of Natural History,
New York City.

Dear Doctor Allen:

It was good to see you in New York, even for a few minutes, and I was particularly pleased to see you looking so well. During the Meeting it was impracticable to see you in your office, and I had planned to call on you and Mrs. Allen at your home after the Meeting, but, unfortunately, I acquired one of those old-fashioned grippe colds which generally get me about the end of every society meeting, as a result of which I gave up all my New York calls and errands and took the first train back to Washington.

Hence, please give my regrets and best wishes to Mrs. Allen, and accept the same for yourself.

As ever yours,

CHM:MG

C. Hart Merriam

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May 10, 1920.

J. I. Williams Book Co.,
533 Main St.,
Worcester, Mass.

Dear Sirs:

Thanks for the list of books enclosed in your letter of the 7th inst., from which please send me, with bill, 'Life in the Far West' by George F. Ruxton (New York 1849), \$2.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam
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May 11, 1920.

Hon. E. B. Meritt, Asst. Commissioner,
Office of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Meritt:

Thanks for your letter of yesterday, relating to the Paskenta band of homeless Indians of California. I regret to learn that the Special Agent engaged in investigating the matter of purchasing land for these Indians left the work unfinished and has been assigned to something else.

I have been endeavoring to secure from the Forest Service a grazing privilege for these Indians, which I think they will grant provided the Indians secure a permanent home in the Paskenta region; and I am informed by the Forest Service that "the Hold place" can be purchased for \$2,500. I do not personally know the lay of the Hold place, though I have probably traveled over it. It is said to join the 67 acres owned by the Paskenta Indian Andrew Freeman.

I promised to do what I could to help these Indians, and should be very glad to have some encouraging word to say to them when I visit them within a few weeks. If I can be of any assistance to your Office in the matter, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

E. B. Meritt

May 11, 1920.

Mr. J. P. Harrington, Secretary
Anthropological Society of Washington,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Harrington:

Thanks for your letter of the 6th inst., notifying me that I was elected President of the Anthropological Society of Washington at the Meeting of April 28.

I long since passed the period of life when honors of this kind were thankfully received, and when Dr. Fewkes asked me if I would accept the position I urged him to use his influence in the selection of a younger man, and one more closely identified with anthropology. However, having been elected, I will endeavor to perform the duties of the office, and if the Program Committee is short of papers, shall be glad to present several communications on California Indians.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

J. P. Harrington

May 11, 1920.

Motor Vehicle Department,
Sacramento, Calif.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed is my Automobile License for 1919
which I should like to renew for 1920, beginning the month
of June.

Assuming that the fee is the same as last year,
I am enclosing my check for \$9 herewith.

In case it is necessary to renew Driver's License,
I shall be obliged if you will kindly send the necessary
blanks. I would like to take out a Driver's License for
myself, and my daughter, Miss Zenaida Merriam, would like
also to renew hers.

Please send Certificate of Registration and
License Plates addressed: Dr. C. Hart Merriam, C/o Thayer
Garage, San Rafael, Calif.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

C. Hart Merriam

May 12, 1920

The Kny-Scheerer Corporation,
404 West 27th St.,
New York City.

Dear Sirs:

Replying to your letter of yesterday, would say that the name of the common Black Bear of North America is Ursus americanus. The so-called Pine-nut Bear appears to be a myth, which thus far has escaped scientific nomenclature. The Big Brown Bear of Alaska is not a single species, but is a common name applied to a considerable number of species, ranging all the way from Alaska Peninsula southward to southeastern Alaska. If the exact locality where the Bear was killed were known, it might be practicable to name it.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

May 12, 1920.

Dear Doctor Stone:

If I understood you correctly, you and Mrs. Stone are to be in this city on Friday the 14th. If this is correct, Mrs. Merriam and I would be much pleased if you and Mrs. Stone will eat with us at six o'clock on that date.

When I saw you last at the Bronx Zoo, I was coming down with a bad cold which caused me to return to Washington immediately (the same day) instead of staying, as expected, to make some calls and attend to other matters in New York. Since my return I have been suffused with this cold and correspondingly stupid, but am feeling a little better this morning.

Hoping to see you soon,

As ever yours,

E. M. Merriam

Dr. Witmer Stone,
Academy of Natural Sciences,
Philadelphia, Pa.

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May 12, 1920

Dear Mr. Thayer:

Thanks for yours of the 5th inst., enclosing the License Certificate, for which I am obliged, and which I have just forwarded to Sacramento.

It now looks as if we could not get away until the last day of the month, which would bring us to San Rafael in the neighborhood of June 7.

With best wishes to you all,

Very truly yours,

E. M. Thayer

Mr. W. I. Thayer,
San Rafael, Calif.

May 13, 1920.

Dear Doctor Penrose:

Very many thanks for yours of the 12th inst., enclosing a letter from Seth E. Gordon, Secretary of the Game Commission, relating to the killing of adult deer by Wildcats. This is of much interest to me, and I appreciate your courtesy in taking the trouble to obtain the facts in the case.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. H. Merriam
Dr. Charles B. Penrose, President
Board of Game Commissioners,
1331 Spruce St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

May 13, 1920

Mr. E. W. Nelson, Chief
U.S. Biological Survey,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Nelson:

Thanks for your letter of the 10th inst., confirming my suspicion that the three Bear skulls received April 28 from Chisana, Alaska, without data, are the three shipped by A. M. Taylor and referred to in his letter.

When you have received the data from Mr. Taylor, I shall be obliged if you will kindly send me a copy.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

C. H. Merriam

May 13, 1920

Geo. H. Hines,
Curator & Asst. Secretary,
Public Auditorium,
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is check for \$10, for which
please send me, with receipted bill, express charges
collect, the following numbers of the Oregon Historical
Society Quarterlies:

Vol. 6. No. 1, March 1905
No. 2, June 1905
No. 3, Sept. 1905
No. 4, Dec. 1905

Vol. 7. No. 1, March 1906
No. 2, June 1906

Vol. 8. No. 4, Dec. 1907

Vol. 10. No. 1, March 1909
No. 4, Dec. 1909

Vol. 11. No. 1, March 1910
No. 2, June 1910
No. 4, Dec. 1910

Vol. 12. No. 3, Sept. 1911

Vol. 13. No. 4, Dec. 1912

Vol. 14. No. 3, Sept. 1913
No. 4, Dec. 1913

Vol. 15. No. 1, March 1914
No. 2, June 1914

Vol. 18. No. 2, June 1917
No. 4, Dec. 1917.

If there are any additional charges, I will
be glad to remit. Very truly yours, C. HART MERRIAM

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May 13, 1920.

I shall be obliged if you will kindly change
the summer address of [magazine] from 1919 16th St.,
Washington, D. C., to Lagunitas, Marin County, California,
returning to the old address at the end of the current year.

Very truly yours,

C. HART MERRIAM

Per ~~W. H. H.~~

American Forestry
Outdoor Life
Rod & Gun in Canada
Outing
Outers Recreation
Field & Stream
Motor
Scientific Monthly
Outlook
Boonville Herald
Literary Digest
Game Breeder
American Motorist
Red Cross Magazine
California Motorist
National Geographic Magazine
Popular Mechanics

May 17, 1920

Dear Doctor Stephens:

You know from repeated personal experience that when a man is continuously overwhelmed with more work than he can handle, his good intentions are pretty sure to fall through. This is intended to explain my long delay in writing you.

I had to work under pressure to prepare a paper on Klamath Indians for the April Meeting of the National Academy of Sciences, after which I went to New York to preside at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Mammalogists. While there, I had my usual luck in acquiring a severe influenza-cold of some sort, from which I am still suffering. I am now working as hard as possible to get last season's field notes in shape so that we may return to California--which we hope to do about the 1st of June.

Now, how are you all? We were glad to know that you reached home before the death of Mrs. Bruce. We appreciated your kindness in sending the telegram.

Here we have had a cold backward spring, with only one brief warm spell, and it is still so cold that we are obliged to have fires. It is a great disappointment to be so delayed in getting away, but there seems no help for it. We now hope to reach Lagunitas not later than June 10, and hope to see you all soon afterward.

As ever yours,

Dr. W. Barclay Stephens,
1250 Bay St., Alameda, Calif.

May 17, 1920

Mr. George W. White, President,
National Metropolitan Bank,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. White:

At the Meeting of the American Society of Mammalogists held in New York May 3 to 5, last, Mr. J. W. Gidley of the U.S. National Museum was elected Treasurer in place of Walter P. Taylor who was Treasurer last year.

I shall be obliged if you will carry the Society's account accordingly.

Very truly yours,

E. Hart
President, Am. Soc. of Mammalogists

CHM:EG

May 17, 1920

Mr. J. W. Gidley, Treasurer
American Society of Mammalogists,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Gidley:

Enclosed is the letter you asked for, addressed to George W. White, President of National Metropolitan Bank, certifying your election as Treasurer of the American Society of Mammalogists.

If you have not already drawn any checks in your official capacity as Treasurer, it might be well to start with a new check book and new pass book. As to this however I think you had better consult the officers of the bank, as I am uncertain as to whether or not this would be considered necessary.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

May 17, 1920

Mr. Samuel N. Rhoads,
The Franklin Book Shop,
920 Walnut St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Rhoads:

Thanks for your Catalog No. 40, just received.

You list the American Anthropologist. If you have on hand Vol. 1, No. 1, of the New Series, and Vol. 4, No. 4 (Oct. 1891) and Vol. 6, No. 2 (April 1893) of the First Series, I shall be glad if you will quote a price on same.

And I shall be obliged if you will send me No. 598, Du Pratz History of Louisiana, 1774.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

C. Hart Merriam

May 17, 1920

Mr. Walter D. Wilcox, Secretary
American Alpine Club,
1526 New Hampshire Ave.,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Wilcox:

Your letter of May 5, addressed to the U.S. Geographic Board, has been forwarded to me for reply.

I cannot of course speak officially for the Board in a matter which has not yet come before it, but would suggest that the Club select some unnamed mountain or peak in the Glacier Park region to bear Robert Chapman's name. The matter will then be in such shape that it may be brought before the Executive Committee for recommendation.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Chairman, U.S. Geographic Board

CHM:MG

May 17, 1920

Dear Mr. Sloane:

Yours of the 12th inst. is at hand, enclosing a letter from Walter D. Wilcox, Secretary of the Alpine Club, relative to the naming of a mountain in Glacier Park in honor of the late Robert Chapman.

I have just replied to Mr. Wilcox, and am enclosing herewith his letter of May 5 and a copy of my reply thereto.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. C. S. Sloane, Secretary
U.S. Geographic Board,
Washington, D. C.

May 17, 1920

Dear Mr. Hollister:

Complying with your request, I am enclosing herewith a list of the Committees of the American Society of Mammalogists for the current year.

I am enclosing also an obituary notice of James M. Macoun, prepared at the request of members of the Canadian Geological Survey.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. N. Hollister, Editor
American Society of Mammalogists,
Washington, D. C.

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MAMMALOGISTS
Committees for 1920

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E. A. Preble

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DEATH OF JAMES M. MACOUN

On January 8, 1920, James M. Macoun, Chief of the Biological Division of the Geological Survey of Canada, died at his home in Ottawa. He was born at Bellville, Ontario, in 1862, and was the son of the venerable botanist of the Dominion, Prof. John Macoun, who, it is a pleasure to state, is still living.

James Macoun, though primarily a botanist, inherited also his father's interest in birds and mammals, and was listed among the charter members of the American Society of Mammalogists.

During the 36 years of his service with the Geological Survey of Canada, of which he was appointed Assistant Naturalist in 1898, Botanist in 1917, and Chief of the Biological Division in 1918, he traversed many remote and little known parts of the Dominion, from Lake Mistassini, Hudson Bay, and Churchill River westerly to Lesser Slave Lake and Peace River and various parts of British Columbia,

collecting specimens and field notes that form an important part of the Victoria Museum at Ottawa; and for a number of years largely directed the field work of William Spreadborough when making his well-known collections of mammals and birds for the Canadian Government.

In 1910, while studying the flora and fauna of the west coast of Hudson Bay, the vessel was wrecked and the party obliged to escape in a small boat. Fortunately, they were rescued and taken to Ft. Churchill, from which remote outpost they made the overland journey to Lake Winnipeg on foot in the depth of winter.

James Macoun assisted his father in the preparation and editing of the two editions of the ^{and exceedingly useful} extensive work entitled 'Catalogue of the Birds of Canada.'

In 1901 he visited the Pribilof Islands in Bering Sea as Canadian Secretary to the British Fur-Seal Commission, and in subsequent years (1906 and 1914) returned to the

Islands in connection with the Fur-Seal Controversy.

I first met James Macoun at his father's home in Ottawa in the early 80's, and was with him at the Pribilof Islands in 1891, since which I have seen him from time to time during his occasional visits to Washington. As a naturalist, he inherited much of his father's enthusiasm and kindly helpful disposition, so that in both field and office he was an agreeable companion. His sympathies were with those in the humbler walks of life; his motto was "Equal opportunity for all."

He is survived by a wife and daughter, and, as a recent writer adds, "by a host of friends and sorrowing colleagues."

Chas. Macoun

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May 18, 1920

Kny-Scheerer Corporation,
404 West 27th St.,
New York City.

Dear Sirs:

Replying to your letter of the 17th inst.,
would state that two species of large Bears occur in
the Kaltag-Unalakleet region--a very large Bear named
Ursus innuitis, and a smaller species Ursus alascensis.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

May 19, 1920

Mr. James Mooney,
Bureau of Ethnology,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Mooney:

In your elaborate and important monograph on the 'Ghost-Dance Religion', you mention Hogah goni as a Shoshone name for Paiute Indians.

Can you tell me whether this refers to the Northern Pinta called Paviotza by Powell, Kroeber, and others, or to the southern division sometimes called Ute-Chemewee?

An early reply will oblige.

Very truly yours,

CHL: MG

E. H. Newman

May 26, 1920

Col. J. A. McGuire,
Editor, Outdoor Life,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Colonel McGuire:

The June number of 'Outdoor Life', like all of its predecessors, contains a good deal of matter of interest to me. Among other things is the reproduction of a photograph of an apparently flat-headed Grizzly killed by Johnnie Johns on Watson River. I should like to get hold of the skull of this Bear, and if you can give me the proper address of any one to write to for it, I shall be obliged.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

May 26, 1920

Mr. L. E. Wyman, Ornithologist
Museum of History, Science & Art,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Wyman:

Very many thanks for your letter of the 17th inst. about the skull of the Big Bear from Hinchinbrook Island.

I am mighty glad to know that you have this skull, and shall be immensely pleased to see it when it has come back from the cleaner. Next winter will be time enough, as I am going to California in a few days to be absent until late in the fall. I may possibly be able to visit the Museum before my return.

No, I had not heard of Dr. Daggett's death, and am shocked to learn of it.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

May 26, 1920

Mr. E. W. Nelson, Chief
U.S. Biological Survey,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Nelson:

Thanks for yours of the 22nd inst., enclosing copy of letter from W. E. Duryea of Iliamna Bay, Alaska.

The three skulls to which Duryea refers were received at the Museum September 15, and a check of \$50 in payment was mailed to Duryea about the 1st of October. As his letter was written October 10, there had not been sufficient time for the receipt of the check.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

C. M. Merriam

May 26, 1920

Mr. George Peters,
Agent, N. C. Co.,
Holy Cross, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of March 20, addressed to the National Museum, has been referred to me for reply.

Yes, I should be glad to purchase a few good skulls of old male Grizzly Bears from your region, and would be willing to pay \$12 to \$15 each for several perfect skulls, provided each skull is labeled with the name of the locality where the Bear was killed and with your own name. If the sex of the Bear and approximate date of killing are known, they should be written on the label also. (A few labels are enclosed herewith.)

Skulls should be carefully packed and shipped by express, charges collect, addressed: U.S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

In case you send any skulls, please write me a letter at the time of shipment, telling how many skulls you have sent, and where the Bears were killed.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

C. M. Merriam

May 26, 1920

Dear Mr. Ravenel:

Many thanks for your courtesy in sending me the photograph of the skin of a Big Bear with its slayer, Howard Long, in the foreground. I am writing ~~Long~~ by this mail for information concerning the killing.

I have also attended to a Bear letter you were good enough to forward me a short time previously from George Peters of Holy Cross, Alaska.

Very truly yours,

Mr. W. deC. Ravenel,
Administrative Assistant,
U.S. National Museum,
Washington, D. C.

E. H. Hoffman

May 26, 1920

Hon. Milton J. Ferguson,
Librarian, State Library,
Sacramento, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Many thanks for your letter of May 20, giving me the reference to the Report I inquired about on the so-called Mendocino War, and for your kind offer to have the Report cameragraphed. I greatly appreciate this offer, and as you say the work may be done in six exposures at a cost of 25 cents each, I am enclosing herewith check for \$2 in payment, with a small margin for postage and other incidental expenses.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

B. Fagelii

May 26, 1920

Mr. Howard L. Long,
Box 1452
Seward, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

A photograph of yourself alongside of the skin of a Big Bear, which you sent to the Smithsonian Institution a short time ago has been forwarded to me.

I am interested in the statement on the back of the photograph that the bear was killed at 30 feet in one minute, and should be glad to hear from you further in the matter. Did the Bear attack you first, or did he not charge? Any facts concerning the encounter will be of interest to me.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

*Recd. answer dated Seward, Alaska
July 22, 1920.*

May 26, 1920.

Dear Mr. Hollister:

Replying to yours of yesterday, would say that this matter of the obituary of James Macoun has been from the first a matter of embarrassment. I was requested to write it by Anderson and others of the Canadian Geological Survey, who told me that Macoun had applied for charter membership in the American Society of Mammalogists, but had died before paying his dues. It was for this reason that I carefully worded the statement that he was "listed among the charter members" instead of saying that he was a charter member.

It must be admitted of course that he did very little mammal work so far as publication is concerned, though I believe he is to be credited with the collection of much material in the Museum of the Canadian Geological Survey.

I have no personal feeling in the matter, and, as already stated, wrote the notice by request as a sort of international courtesy.

Your function as Editor puts your relation to it on quite a different footing, and I would suggest that if you feel need of further information you write Anderson direct. Personally, I have no feeling either way, and leave the matter entirely in your hands.

Very truly yours,

Mr. N. Hollister,
Natl. Zoological Park,
Washington, D. C.

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May 26, 1920

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Very truly yours,

Mr. M. Hollister,
Natl. Zoological Park,
Washington, D. C.

Retake of Preceding Frame

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May 26, 1920

Hon. Benedict Crowell,
Asst. Secretary of War,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Crowell:

In 1826 or 1827 Jedediah Smith, one of the boldest of the old fur-traders and explorers of the Far West, prepared a map which, so far as I am aware, was never published, but was said to have been purchased by the War Department.

I am exceedingly anxious to see this map, and if you can locate it without too much trouble, I shall greatly appreciate your courtesy in the matter.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

May 31, 1920

Mr. W. I. Adams, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Adams:

Herewith I am enclosing my expense account for
May, amounting to \$159.17, and vouchers as per accompanying
list, which I shall be obliged if you will kindly pay as
usual from the Harriman Fund.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Accompanying Vouchers:

Z. Merriam, Services Asst. 52.50
Washington Loose Leaf Co:
Mounting 47 maps 21.15
1 steel back ledger
(for maps) 19.00
J. W. Scollick, cleaning
Bear Skulls 3.25

Bear Skulls:
Tom K. Bee 5.00
Jos. L. Hill 14.00
J. D. Kinney 8.00
R. R. Mitton 2.00
John Paulson 34.00

Rent, Office Apt. for June 71.50
Telephone 1.65

23205
159.17

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C. Hart Merriam

Northumberland Apartment, Washington, D. C.

EXPENSE ACCOUNT FOR MAY 1920

Subvoucher
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1920	Trip, Washington to New York & return, May 2-5:		
May	Fare Washington to New York	7.32	
2	Dinner	1.25	
3	Meals \$3.25; street-car fares .30c	3.55	
4	Meals \$2.25; street-car fares .20c	2.45	
	Room, Hotel York, 2 days (May-2-4)	8.00	1
	Round trip New York-Greenwich	1.84	
5	Dinner on diner	1.50	
	Street-car fares	7.30	
	Fare, New York to Washington	7.32	
	Seat in Pullman	1.35	2
11	Williams Book Co., Ruxton's 'Life in Far West'		34 88
17	May 'Forest & Stream'		2.10
20	Subscription to 'Canadian Field Naturalist'	4	25
20	Geological Survey, 50 topographic maps of Calif.	5	1 60
	20 numbers Oregon Historical Soc. Quarterly @ .50		3 00
	Express charges on "	6	10 00
	Calif. State Library, Rept. on Mendocino War		1.30
26	Carfare, library work .60; pencils .25;		2 00
	adhesive plaster .50		1 35
	Stamps & stamped envelopes		2 08
	Charwoman, cleaning office apartment during May	7	5 00
	Janitor service		1 50
	Electric Current, March 24 to April 24	8	1 00
4	Thayer Garage, Auto Repairs, Nov. 1919-April 1920	9	93 11
	San Rafael, Calif.		
			159 17

-----One Hundred Fifty-nine-----

---Seventeen---

159.17

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Zenaida Merriam

1919 16th St., Washington, D. C.

1920
May

To services as Assistant 15 days

3.50 52 50

52 50

-----Fifty-two-----

---fifty---

52.50

C.H. ~~XXXXXXXX~~
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J. W. Scollick

U.S. National Museum, Washington, D. C.

1920
May

To cleaning 7 Bear Skulls:

6 skulls at 50cts each

3 00

1 skull at 25 cts

25

3 25

-----Three-----

--twenty-five--

3.25

C.H. ~~XXXXXXXX~~
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J. D. Kinney

Chokok, Alaska

1920
May 12

1 Skull of ad. female Grizzly from Copper River,
Iliamna Lake

8 00

-----Eight-----

-----20-----

8.00

C. H. Hathorn

618

R. R. Mitton

Sherman, Maine

1920
May

1 skull of ad. female Black Bear from Hector, B.C.

2 00

200

-----Two-----

-----DO-----

2.00

P. H. ...

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John Paulson

Gulkana, Alaska

1920	2 Grizzly skulls from Chestochina River:	
June	1 old male	20 00
	1 yg-ad. male	14 00

34 00

-----Thirty-four-----

-----no-----

34.00

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May 31, 1920

Mr. Walter Wilcox, Secretary
American Alpine Club,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Wilcox:

Thanks for your letter of the 26th inst.,
mentioning two mountains in Glacier National Park
to one of which you suggest that the name of the late
Robert Chapman be attached.

I will bring the matter to the attention of
the U.S. Geographic Board at its next Meeting.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam
Chairman, U.S. Geographic Board

CHM:MG

May 31, 1920

Dear Grinnell:

Bill Hamilton, in his 'Sixty Years on the Plains', mentions "Pah Utes" in the Pyramid Lake and Carson River region (pp. 161, 165). The date was 1844.

Have you any idea whether the name was actually in use at that time, or whether he inserted it years afterward from subsequent information? The point is this: the name in its various forms related exclusively to the Southern Pinte tribes of Utah and southern Nevada, and does not seem to have been applied to the northern tribes until about 1850. It was not used by Fremont. If in use in 1844, Hamilton's mention would be the earliest I have seen.

The American Alpine Club recommends that a mountain in Glacier National Park be named in honor of the late Robert M. Chapman, and suggests two mountains as possibly available. One of these is a peak just north of Brown Pass between Lake Wurdeman and Logan Glacier; the other is due south of Upper Kintla Lake, between Kintla Glacier and Agassiz Glacier.

Can you tell me if either of these bear Indian names, and do you care to make any recommendation in the matter?

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

Dr. George Bird Grinnell,
238 E 15th St.,
New York City

May 31, 1920

Photo Supplies Company,
Morris Park, Long Island,
New York.

Dear Sirs:

A Multispeed Shutter which I purchased from you some years ago has given me a great deal of trouble by resisting all attempts to adjust it to different speeds. I had it fixed in San Francisco two or three times, but am now told that they cannot adjust it properly.

Shall I send it to you to be put in good order, and can you guarantee that it will stay put?

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

May 31, 1920

Dr. J. W. Gidley, Treasurer
American Society of Mammalogists,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Gidley:

Thanks for your memorandum enclosing check
of \$1.85, the amount paid by me for recording the Articles
of Incorporation of the American Society of Mammalogists.

I have endorsed the receipt and am returning
the same herewith.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

May 31, 1920

American Automobile Association,
Riggs Building,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed is my check for \$5 in payment
of annual dues for ensuing year.

I shall be obliged if you will send me
a nickel emblem, and the following maps:

Transcontinental
U.S. West
Strip Maps, Washington to New York

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

June 1, 1920

Mr. Andrew Freeman,
Paskenta, Calif.

My dear Sir:

A few days after our talk at Tehama last fall, I wrote the Forest Service asking if it would be possible for you to obtain holdings in the Henderson Canyon part of the California National Forest.

It took a long time for them to look the matter up, and the first reply did not contain a definite answer. The second reply, dated April 26, 1920, states that it would not be practicable to set aside for your use a range large enough to graze a band of sheep on, for the reason that practically all of the range is already allotted. They add however that in case the Indian Office would purchase farming land for the use of the Upper Thoma Creek Indians, the Forest Service would probably furnish sufficient summer range for the number of sheep your farming lands and winter range will support.

On receipt of this letter I at once took the matter up with the Indian Office, and after some correspondence they advised me under date of May 26, 1920, that Mr. John J. Terrell, formerly in charge of the purchase of lands for homeless California Indians has been instructed to proceed

A.F. & J.B.--2.

immediately to Paskenta and other localities in California, with a view of entering into contracts for the purchase of lands for some of the most needy bands. From this, I infer that Mr. Terrell will visit Paskenta in the near future to talk the matter over and see what can be done.

I have been informed that you would like the Hold place, and that possibly it might be purchased.

I expect to go to California in the near future, and hope to see you during the season.

Very truly yours,

Copy of this letter
sent to Joe Brown,
Tehama, Calif.

June 1, 1920

Mr. C. F. Hauke,
Acting Asst. Commissioner,
Office of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Hauke:

Very many thanks for your letter of May 26, telling me that Mr. John Terrell has been instructed to proceed to Paskenta and other localities in California "with a view of entering into contracts for the purchase of lands for a few of the most needy bands."

I am very glad to know this, and trust that it will result in giving a permanent home to some of these distressed remnants of various tribes.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

June 1, 1920

Mrs. S. M. Marsh,
Corresponding Secretary,
Woman's Civic Center,
San Diego, Calif.

My dear Mrs. Marsh:

Very many thanks for your courtesy in sending me under date of March 19 a copy of the Resolutions passed by your organization concerning Indian citizenship. The copy is not dated, so that I have no means of knowing at what date it was passed.

I am very much interested in California Indians, having worked among them nearly every year for about 30 years.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

June 1, 1920

Mr. W. deC. Ravenel,
Administrative Assistant,
U.S. National Museum,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Ravenel:

Thanks for your acknowledgment dated May 29, 1920, of a section of the trunk of a California lilac (*Ceanothus thyrsiflorus*) which I presented to the National Herbarium in the fall of 1916. The trunk of the tree from which I cut this section was 14 inches in diameter, which is several times larger than the dimensions usually accorded this species. On my place at Lagunitas it is one of the commonest forest trees--or was before I chopped down a couple of hundred of them.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

June 1, 1920

Dear Edwin:

Your letter of May 9 came a couple of weeks ago, and we were glad to hear from you, and to know that you are the proud proprietor of an Airdale. I am glad also that you and Earl Martinelli have been trapping--but you forgot to tell me what you caught. When I was a boy I made all my money in trapping furs, though in those days pelts did not bring much. I sold many skins for 10 and 20 cents that are now worth \$5 to \$15 each.

Please tell that sedate sister of yours that I intended to write her long ago, but have been so busy that I failed to do so. And please announce to your entire family that this branch of the Merriam family expects to start for Lagunitas on June 14.

Hoping to see you all in the near future,

Very truly yours,

Mr. Edwin F. Gardner,
San Geronimo, Calif.

June 1, 1920

Mr. & Mrs. Pompeo Martinelli,

Lagunitas, Calif.

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Martinelli:

As usual, we are late again this year, but we are now preparing to start on the 14th of this month, which should land us in Lagunitas on the 19th or 20th.

We have had a long cold spring, but warm weather has now set in and is likely to last.

With best wishes to you all,

Very truly yours,

June 2, 1920

My dear Doctor Gilmore:

It was a genuine pleasure to meet you on your recent visit to this city, and I regret very much that owing to pressure of other matters I was not able to see you again. Should you visit Washington next winter, I trust you will let me know.

By this mail I am sending you a few papers that may contain something of interest to you.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

Dr. Melvin R. Gilmore, Curator
State Historical Society,
Bismarck, N. Dak.

I expect to start for California June 11.

June 2, 1920

Hon. S. H. Dent, Jr.,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 29, just received, would say that I have no knowledge of any maps of any part of Alabama that would fall under the description of your constituent, and am therefore referring your letter to the U.S. Geological Survey for further attention.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

June 2, 1920

Mr. A. A. Wood,
Coldstream,
New Brunswick.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 27, would say
that I am something of a back number in trapping Microtus
and other small mammals, and am therefore forwarding your
request to the Biological Survey, as they are always down
to date in the matter of traps.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

June 3, 1920

Dear Grinnell:

Thanks for your reply to my inquiries. I suspect that Bill Hamilton's use of the term 'Pah Utes' was the result of subsequent information.

In looking over the Quarterly of the Oregon Historical Society, I have just noticed the Journal of E. Willard Smith while with the fur-traders Vasquez and Sublette in 1839-1840 (Oregon Society Quarterly, Vol. 14, No. 3, pp. 250-279, September 1913).

Since Smith mentions "Shian Indians" and since possibly you may not have seen the Journal, I thought that I would call your attention to it.

We hope to pull out for California on the 14th or 15th, and wish we might see you at Lagunitas before the season ends.

With best wishes,

As ever yours,

Dr. George Bird Grinnell,
238 E 15th St.,
New York City.

June 5, 1920

Dear Doctor Dearborn:

Your letter of the 3d inst. disturbs me. I had not heard that you were to leave the Survey, and regret very much that this seems necessary, as you are the kind of man that it is mighty hard to replace. But don't interpret this as a criticism, for I am well aware that the poor pay of Government positions makes it absolutely necessary for many of our ablest scientific men to accept more remunerative positions elsewhere.

When you took that automobile drive from Boonville to Watertown, you passed Leyden Hill (old postoffice Locust Grove) 6 miles south of Boonville, and one short mile farther on you passed my grandfather's house, still standing. Had you looked to the left to the top of a hill about an eighth of a mile to the west, you would have seen my father's place where I was raised.

Sackets Harbor has been a familiar name to me since my early childhood, for the reason that my grandfather, General Ely Merriam, was there during the War of 1812.

Northern New York is a fine country in summer, and used to seem all right in winter when we were boys, but its winter snow blockades do not appeal to me at the age of 65.

I fear this change in your life means that you are not likely to visit the West Coast again--at least for sometime to come. For several years I had hoped to see you at our place in Lagunitas.

With best wishes to yourself and family.

Very truly yours,

June 8, 1920

Miss B. Metzger,
Yosemite National Park Co.,
Yosemite, Calif.

Dear Miss Metzger:

As I am down to lecture in the Valley from June 29 to July 2, Miss Strohmeier of the University of California has advised me to write you at once to reserve quarters during my stay.

I shall be obliged therefore if you will kindly reserve for me from June 28 to July 3, inclusive, either a room in the Double Cabin Lodge, Type 2-A, or Wooden Cabin Lodge, Type 3-A, for one person only.

Very truly yours,

CEM:MG

E. H. Penrose

June 8, 1920

Dear Doctor Penrose:

Yours of the 7th inst., enclosing a detailed statement by Fred Hanbergerger and others concerning the killing of deer by wildcats during the past winter, reached me this morning.

The statement is remarkably clear and convincing, leaving no doubt whatever as to the facts. I am greatly obliged to you for sending me this report.

Very truly yours,

E. H. Penrose

Dr. Charles B. Penrose,
1331 Spruce St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

June 8, 1920

My dear Beach:

Thanks for yours of the 4th inst., just received. I am glad to hear from you, and should be most pleased to see you whenever you are in this city.

I thank you also for your kind invitation to lecture on birds before the Hartford Bird Study Club, but regret to say that this will be impracticable. I am setting out for California the last of this week, to be gone till the end of the year, and shall be so overloaded with field notes on California Indians and other subjects that it will be out of the question for me to prepare a bird talk.

If you will look back to the time we were together in Shef. you will realize that I am no longer young, and that in order to publish a reasonable proportion of the material I have collected, it is absolutely necessary for me to stick to my job and avoid side issues. For this reason I quit lecturing some years ago, and am doing nothing of the kind now except in the direct lines of my present work, and then only under unusual pressure.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

Dr. Charles C. Beach,
54 Woodland St.,
Hartford, Conn.

June 8, 1920

Mr. A. Bonaiti, Postmaster,
Lagunitas, Calif.

Dear Mr. Bonaiti:

We expect to arrive in Lagunitas about the 19th of this month. I shall be obliged therefore if you will kindly hold any mail that may come for me until my arrival.

Very truly yours,

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June 9, 1920

Agent,
Wells Fargo Express Co.,
Yosemite, Calif.

Dear Sir:

I am shipping you by express, insured for
\$500 (charges collect), a box containing colored
lantern slides for my lectures in Yosemite Valley
beginning the latter part of this month.

I shall be greatly obliged if you will
kindly keep this box in a safe place until my arrival.

Very truly yours,

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C. H. Merriam

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June 9, 1920

Mr. Geo. H. Himes,
Curator & Asst. Secretary,
Public Auditorium,
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is check of \$2, for which
please send me, with receipted bill, express charges collect,
the following numbers of the Oregon Historical Society
Quarterly:

Vol. 5, No. 4, December 1904


Vol. 5, No. 3, September 1904

Vol. 7, No. 3, September 1906

Vol. 8, No. 4, December 1907

Very truly yours,

C. MART MERRIAM

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June 11, 1920

Dear Arch:

Thanks for yours received a day or two ago. I rather suspect that you and our botanical friend did not need overcoats on your recent trip to New Idria—unless the climate has undergone a radical change since my last visit there.

We have our transportation, and expect to leave here Sunday (day after tomorrow), and are due to arrive in San Francisco on the Pacific Limited, No. 19, at 2:30 P.M. Thursday the 17th. If the train is on time we shall go direct to San Rafael and drive 'Susie' home. If the train is too late to enable us to make it Thursday night, the Boss plans to guide us to your stately residence on the mountain slope.

We all of us appreciate your kind offer to "open" the house for us. If this did not mean a charwoman's job, we would take you up, for we greatly appreciate the condition we found things in the last year.

Hoping to see you in the very near future,

As ever yours,

Mr. Arch M. Gilbert,
411 Mills Building,
San Francisco, Calif.

June 11, 1920

Mr. W. I. Thayer,

San Rafael, Calif.

Dear Mr. Thayer:

We are due to arrive in San Francisco at 2:30 P.M. on Thursday the 17th. If the train is on time we expect to reach San Rafael between 4 and 5 P.M., same day.

Hastily yours,

CHN:MG

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June 11, 1920

Mr. Jos. L. Hill,
Katalla, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Very many thanks for your letter of May 20 about the Bears. I am very glad to have this account of the unusual denning of the old she-bear ^{killed} on March 4. I am always much interested in information relating to the habits of Bears.

The two skulls you forwarded sometime ago were duly received, and a check of \$14 in payment was sent you about the first of this month--\$10 for the female and \$4 for the top of the picked up skull.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

C. H. Merriam

June 11, 1920

Mr. R. R. Mitton,
Sherman, Maine.

Dear Sir:

The skull you sent us of the female Black Bear from Hector, B. C., arrived safely, and a check of \$2 in payment was sent you early in the month.

Thanking you for your interest,

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

C. H. Merriam

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June 11, 1920

Mr. J. D. Kinney,
Chekok, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The skull of a female Bear labeled Upper Copper River, Iliamna Lake, with your name, was received May 12, and a check of \$8 in payment was sent you early this month.

We received no letter from you in regard to this skull. In case you send others in future, please write at the time of shipment.

Owing to the large number of skulls received during the last few years, and the consequent near exhaustion of the available fund, I am not able to pay so much for Bear skulls as in the past.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

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June 11, 1920

Mr. Tom Bee,
Carmack, Yukon.

Dear Sir:

The Bear skull you mentioned forwarding in your letter of April 23 arrived on May 18. It is a young female, for which a check of \$5 was sent you early this month.

You forget to label this specimen with either the locality where killed or the date. I shall be obliged if you will kindly tell me where it was killed, and also give the approximate date.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

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June 13, 1920

Postmaster,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Until further notice please forward to me at Lagunitas, Marin County, California, all letter mail addressed to me at 1915 16th Street or at the Northumberland.

Please have all magazine, newspaper, and package mail delivered at the Northumberland, where it will be cared for until my return.

Letter mail addressed to Mrs. C. Hart Merriam and Miss Zenaida Merriam should be forwarded to Lagunitas also.

Very truly yours,

CH:MG

June 12, 1920

Capt. A. B. Conover,

Telegraph Creek, B. C.

My dear Sir:

Your letter of May 5 reached me a few days ago.

For the past two years or more--since the National Museum was filled with war-workers--most of our mammal collections have been inaccessible, and it has been extremely difficult to find any particular specimen when wanted.

Since the war-workers vacated the Museum, the large rooms formerly occupied by the mammal collection were converted into a war museum, and only within the last three weeks have we had a room to which our skins of large mammals could be transferred. The transferring process has only just begun, and is going to take some time.

On receipt of your letter I got two of the Biological Survey men to make a search for the skin and skull of the small female Bear from 30 miles south of Telegraph Creek, killed September 15, 1918. After four days search, overhauling hundreds of Bear skins and skulls, the skin and skull of this specimen were found yesterday, and I saw them for the first time. Both skin and skull are unquestionably those of an old female Black Bear in worn summer pelage. Many

A.B.C.--2.

Black Bears, as you know, have a brown phase which in summer turns reddish-brown or yellowish-red. We have many skins of this kind. The claws and the teeth make the identification absolutely certain.

This matter has been hanging fire so long that I am greatly relieved to have it settled.

I start for California in the morning, and expect to be at my summer place, Lagunitas, until late in the fall. Specimens arriving during my absence will be cared for by the Biological Survey as usual.

Owing to the near exhaustion of the fund from which I have been purchasing skulls, I regret to say that I shall not be able to pay as high prices as heretofore.

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June 12, 1920

Dear Mr. Adams:

Tomorrow I expect to start for California, to be gone until late in the fall. I shall be obliged therefore if you will kindly send my salary and expense account checks to me at Lagunitas, Marin County, California, as usual in summer.

Please send Miss Clemence's pay check for June to the Northumberland as usual, and her pay checks for July and August to 167 Harrison, St., Providence, R. I.

Please send salary checks for Miss Gandy for June and July to the address you have, namely, 123 Maryland Ave., NE, after which her salary will be discontinued.

Owing to the shortage of the Harriman Fund, I have decided not to ask for the usual advance for field work, and have borrowed a thousand dollars from the National Metropolitan Bank.

With best wishes, and trusting that your health will be fully restored,

Very truly yours,

Mr. W. I. Adams, Accountant,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

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June 21, 1920

Miss B. Metzger,
Yosemite Nat. Park Co.
Yosemite, Calif.

My dear Miss Metzger:

On the 8th inst. I wrote you from Washington, D.C. asking you to kindly reserve a room for me during the time of my lectures in the Valley, from June 28 to July 3 inclusive.

I have just purchased my ticket to El Portal and sleeping car berth for the train leaving San Francisco (S.P.) the night of Sunday the 27th, and should reach El Portal Monday noon the 28th.

Shall be obliged if you will kindly notify the Auto-Stage people so that I may have a place in the first connecting stage, as I have a big job ahead in getting my heavy box of 200 colored lantern slides from the Express office and unpacking and arranging them for the lectures.

Very truly yours,

C. K. Johnson

Lagunitas

June 26, 1920

Mr W. I. Adams,
Accountant,
Smithsonian Institution.

Dear Mr Adams:

Herewith I am enclosing my expense account for June.

Miss Clemence and Miss Gandy are still at work in my office at the Northumberland Apartment, and I left with Miss Clemence the money to pay the Charwoman and Janitor, as usual.

The Northumberland office will be closed during July and August, after which Miss Clemence will return to Washington.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Accompanying Voucher

Zenaida Merriam, Services \$21.00

C. Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, Marin Co., Calif.

1920

June 2 Forest & Stream	1	25
1 dozen toilet paper		2 40
5 Electric Current to May 24	2	1 00
9 Stamps & stamped envelopes		1 40
12 Round trip ticket, Washington to San Francisco	3	172 09
Sleeper, Washn.-S.F.		22 66
13 Dinner on dining car		1 25
14 Porter .25; Handbaggage Chicago .20		45
Taxi Chicago (2 trips in severe storm)		2 10
14-17 (incl) Meals en route, 4 days @ 3.25		13 00
17 Pullman Porter		1 00
Baggage, San Francisco		25
18 Fare, San Francisco to Lagunitas (broad gauge)		86
Lagunitas, baggage in		50
18 Expressage on MSS & Vocabularies, Washington-Lag	4	10 38
30 Charwoman, Northumberland \$5; Janitor \$1.		6 00
3		235 59

Two hundred, thirty five

fifty nine

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C. Hart Merriam

Lagunitas

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C. Hart Merriam

July 14, 1920

Dr John C. Merriam
Berkeley, Calif.

My dear J.C.:

How did you get to Yosemite to deliver your lectures? And when? I expected to meet you on the way out, but the train wreck prevented. Merced Canyon at this season is not the coolest place in the world for a nine hour wait on an empty stomach in the hot sun! We breakfasted in the Valley at 6 AM and lunched at Merced at eleven fifteen PM.

Was glad to find Bryant and Miller in the Valley. They seem to be doing good work there.

Also had the luck to meet Mather and the House Committee on Appropriations in there, and at Mather's request dined with them.

How are you all, and when are you going to be anywhere?

We all are fixing for a trip north and hope to start about Wednesday of next week.

Elizabeth and Zenaida join me in love to you all.

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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Mr W. I. Adams, Accountant,
Smithsonian Institution.

July 22, 1920

Dear Mr Adams:

As I am leaving at 6 in the morning for field work in the northern part of the state, and may not return by the end of the month, I am enclosing herewith expense account to date, and will render a separate account for the trip.

Kindly send check to Lagunitas, as usual.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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C. Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, Marin Co. Calif.

1920			
July 3-5.	Pd Yosemite Indians for Vocabulary work		7 50
6	Sentinel Hotel, lunch July 2-bkfst July 6, incl.	1	18 00
6	Dinner at Merced & night lunch		1 50
7	San Francisco: Meals 1.50; street cars.15		1 65
	Fare, S.F. to Lagunitas		86
12	Auto trip east side S.F. Bay		
	Richmond Ferry, \$2.22; Gas 2.65; Dinner 1.00		5 87
12	Thayer Garage bill (incl. storage)	2	48 97
13	Auto trip to San Francisco: Ferry 2.19; meals 1.75		3 94
13	Willard Battery for car \$49.34 (half)	3	24 67
16	Auto trip to San Francisco: Ferry 2.19; Gas 3.25		5 44
	Meals 1.75; Yankee tire pump 4.50; socket & plug 1.75		8 00
16	Brimolite lenses 2.85; F.B. Bumper installed 15.75	4	half 9 30
	Goodyear nonskid tire & tube, 33 4 \$46.52	half	23 26
20	Auto trip to San Francisco: Ferry 2.19; meals 1.75		3 94
	Gas		3 53
	Rimtool 3.50; Pedal pads 1.50; Set Ronson wrenches 1.5		6 00
22	Marsh & Co., Developing & printing photos	6	9 20
June 14	C.G. Stott & Co. 1 Ream Cambria bond	7	3 20
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One hundred, eighty four

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C. Hart Merriam

August 2, 1920

Chief Clerk
U.S. Biological Survey

Dear Sir:

The enclosed notice from the Express Co. doubtless relates to a package of Bear skulls, and I shall be obliged if you will kindly have it brought to the Survey and attended to in the usual way.

Since leaving Washington in June I have not received any information as to skulls received. If Mr Preble is in the City I should be glad if he will drop me a line on the subject.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart

August 9, 1920

Miss Georgia D. Lee
2400 Durant Ave.
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Miss Lee:

Thanks for your note of the 4th inst. Yes, I shall be glad if you will come to Lagunitas next Saturday August 7, to stay over Sunday.

If you could give me a phone address I could arrange details toward the end of the week.

Very truly yours,

C. R. [Signature]

August 15, 1920.

Dr. Frederick V. Coville,
Botanist, U.S. Department of Agriculture,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Coville:

Your letter of the 3d inst. reached me a day or two ago and caused much sadness in the Merriam family, for we had fully counted on a visit from you during the fall.

However, we rejoice with you to learn that you are again the father of a wonderful product, this one measuring four-fifths of an inch in diameter. Wish you would try some of your wizard stunts on our coast species.

It is good also to know that a new locality for the box huckleberry has been discovered in Pennsylvania.

I note with varied feelings what you say about Abrams' Flora of the Pacific States and am glad to know that the first of the three proposed volumes is approaching completion. But the financial difficulty is a serious one, and I do not see exactly how it is to be met. I agree with you that the thing ought to stand on its own legs as an independent book rather than appear in any serial. However, we cannot always do as we wish in such matters, and I personally am up against several problems of the same kind.

The person I mentioned to you as interested in Pacific coast botany is not a personal friend of mine, but is interested

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in the work of one of the California botanists. Whether or not his interest and his pocketbook could be stretched to cover the project under consideration is another matter.

In view of the obvious fact that no botanist can live long enough to monograph all the varied groups of an area like California, it would seem the part of wisdom to secure the cooperation of specialists in some of the groups, as you suggest. Of such in California Hall and Eastwood would seem to be preeminent.

With kindest regards to all of your family, in which Mrs. M. and Zenaida join,

Very truly yours,

C. Eastman

August 15, 1920.

Mr. Edwin H. Steedman,
Curtis & Co. Manufacturing Co.,
St. Louis, Mo.

My dear Sir:

On returning from a recent field trip I find your letter telling me about your bear hunt on Alaska Peninsula. I appreciate your generosity in offering to present your skulls to the national collection at Washington. We shall, of course, be very glad to have them.

Replying to your inquiry about the species, it may be said that two quite distinct species of big brown bears range throughout the entire length of Alaska Peninsula -- Ursus gyas and Ursus kimmeri. While both are large bears, the kimmeri is the smaller of the two, adult males about equalling females of gyas.

You were extraordinarily fortunate in seeing so many as a hundred bears. I suppose you found that the smaller bears, regardless of species, left the feeding grounds when the big bears approached.

Your question as to how such similar species keep separate instead of interbreeding is a very natural one and one difficult to answer except by the general statement that nature abhors a hybrid. With various species of mammals, as with ducks, geese and smaller birds of essentially the same size breeding commonly in the same localities, hybrids are of extreme rarity.

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Probably you never saw one in the state of nature, and I never did. Under unnatural conditions, as in the zoological gardens and among wounded ducks, two distinct species sometimes interbreed. But you can readily see that if wild birds or mammals interbred freely in a state of nature there would soon be no such thing as a species left. Account for it as we may, we must all recognize the fact that wild species in the state of nature do not interbreed.

You mention a narrow skulled bear killed by Mr. Mallinckrodt. As a rule the Alaska Peninsula bears with narrow skulls are immature though full grown. They may be six or seven years old but still not fully adult. It was a skull of this kind which Dr. J. A. Allen of the American Museum described some years ago under the name Ursus merriami. But I do not recognize it as a species, but merely an immature specimen of Ursus gyas.

Any observations you may have made on the feeding habits or breeding habits of these bears would be of much interest to me; Also any notes you may have made as to the stomach contents of the bears killed by your party.

With many thanks for your courtesy in the matter,

Yours very truly,

C. Hart Merriam

August 15, 1920.

Mr. Madison Grant,
111 Broadway
New York City.

Dear Mr. Grant:

On returning from a field trip I find your letter, forwarded from Washington, enclosing copy of a letter from Mr. Couderc in relation to a hunting trip in Alaska in early August.

Had I received the letter earlier I would have written the Biological Survey in relation to a permit, but as Mr. Couderc and his sons were going early in August it is now too late.

I hope your efforts in the matter of acquiring redwoods along the northern highway are being substantially rewarded.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

August 15, 1920.

Mr. Allen R. Moore,
U.S. Mineral Surveyor,
Mount Vernon, Wash.

Dear Sir:

Your letter addressed to the Smithsonian Institution requesting copies of my publication on the Big Bears of North America has been referred to me for reply. Unfortunately I have no copies here, but if you will write the Chief of the U.S. Biological Survey, Washington, D.C., asking for North American Fauna No. 41, the same being a Review of the Grizzly and Big Brown Bears, you should receive the desired document. I would state, however, that this is purely a technical publication, my popular work on the Big Bears not yet being ready for publication.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

August 15, 1920.

Mr. E. W. Godger,
American Museum of Natural History,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

Very many thanks for your courtesy in sending me the reference to the picture you spoke of, of a squirrel crossing a stream on a piece of bark using his tail as a sail. I am very glad to have this and will look it up on my return to Washington.

With best wishes and many thanks for your trouble,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

August 15, 1920.

Mr. Luther J. Goldman,
Predatory Animal Inspector,
Boise, Idaho.

Dear Goldman:

Thanks for your letter of July 15 which I found here at Lagunitas on my return from a recent field trip.

I am greatly obliged for your kindness in sending me the addresses of men at Richardson, Alaska, who may be able to secure skulls of grizzly bears. I am particularly anxious to obtain skulls of adult male grizzlies from the Tanana country and the mountains between the Tanana and the Yukon.

Should you chance to pass through California we should be mighty glad to see you here at Lagunitas.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Am writing to Richardson re grizzly

August 15, 1920.

Jacquot Bros.
Kluane, Yukon Territory,
Canada.

Dear Sirs:

Your letter of July 19 has been forwarded to me from Washington. I am glad to know that you have sent me at the Biological Survey eight skulls of grizzly bears, most of which are males. Later on I will send remittance to the Canadian Bank of Commerce to be placed to the credit of your account as usual.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

August 15, 1920.

Mr. Howard L. Long,
Seward, Alaska.

My dear Sir:

Many thanks for your letter of July 22d which has been forwarded to me from Washington. Your account of killing this bunch of bears is most interesting, and I thank you very much for your trouble in writing me about it. I do not wonder that you did not feel inclined to try to catch the cubs alive. You certainly are to be congratulated on your success in this unusual episode. Did you save the skull of the old male?

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

August 13, 1920.

Dr. A. K. Fisher,
Biological Survey,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Fisher:

A press clipping in the Sacramento Bee states that one of your hunters named F. W. Koehler recently killed two wolves near Grass Valley. The clipping states also that these wolves had caused hundreds of dollars' loss to the ranchers by destroying turkeys, lambs, calves and pigs.

If the beasts in question were wolves and not coyotes their skulls would be of great value to the Biological Survey collection.

When are you likely to show up in California?

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Harrison

August 15, 1920.

Mr. Manual Perry,
Hollister,
California.

Dear Sir:

A recent newspaper clipping states that you killed a big gray wolf on the Stephenson ranch in June. If this is true, and the animal was a real gray wolf and not a coyote, I should be glad to pay a good price for its skull.

If the flesh on the skull is dry so that it does not smell, it could be well wrapped and sent by parcels post, addressed to me at Lagunitas. If it is a coyote it will not be worth more than a couple of dollars, but if it is a real gray wolf I will give you ten dollars for it.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Harrison

August 15, 1920.

Mr. Frank Graham,
District Ranger,
Willow Creek,
Trinity County, Calif.

My dear Sir:

Is it practicable to obtain a couple of saddle horses and a pack animal in the neighborhood of Willow Creek or Burnt Ranch? I want to get into the upper New River country and am uncertain as to the best place to outfit. Mr. Wynne of the Forest Service tells me that you will be able to give me the needed information.

Would it be practicable to find an Indian in the neighborhood who could serve as packer and camp cook for the trip? Probably a week or ten days would be long enough for the trip.

Very truly yours,

C. H. Rizer

August 15, 1920.

Col. H. C. Rizer,
U.S. Geological Survey,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Col. Rizer:

Will you kindly send me a copy of Water-Supply Paper 450-C. Ground Water in Pahrump, Mesquite, and Ivanpah Valleys.

We are having an interesting season here and have recently returned from a rather hot trip in Lake, Mendocino and Sonoma Counties.

Our main regret so far as the present season is concerned is that we did not arrive in time to show you some of the attractions of Marin County.

With best wishes from us all,

As ever yours,

C. H. Rizer

August 15, 1920.

Mr. E. E. Cay,
Richardson,
Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Your address has been given me by Luther J. Goldman of the Biological Survey, who states that you are in a position to obtain skulls of big bears. I am collecting such skulls for our National Museum in Washington and am anxious to secure as many as possible of old male grizzlies from the interior. I do not care much for skulls of female or young bears, but will pay a good price for old males in good condition -- for reasonably perfect adult males as much as fifteen dollars each.

Specimens may be sent either by express or parcels post. If shipped by express they should be marked charges collect. All skulls should be carefully packed to prevent breakage in transit, and a tag should be attached to each giving the locality where the bear was killed, and also your own name and post office address. The sex and approximate date of killing should also be given if known. All packages should be addressed as follows:

U.S. Biological Survey, Department of Agriculture,
Washington, D.C.

Very truly yours,

August 15, 1920.

Mr. W. I. Adams,
Accountant, Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Adams:

Enclosed is the renewal lease for my office apartment at the Northumberland which you sent me a short time ago and which I have reluctantly signed, as there seems to be at present no other way.

Thanking you for your trouble in the matter,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

August 17, 1920

Mr W. I. Adams,
Accountant,
Smithsonian Institution.

Dear Mr Adams:

Herewith I am enclosing my expense account for the latter part of July (July 23 to end of month), and also bill for purchase of a new car, amounting to \$1505.70, of which I am personally paying half--as in the case of the old car purchased in 1913.

The old car is now in San Francisco awaiting sale. As soon as sold, I will send check for half of the proceeds. But it will not bring much for the reasons that it is too big, too old, and has too big tires, making the cost of upkeep too high. So far I have not been able to get an offer of \$450 for it.

The new car weighs 1400 pounds less than the old one, has tires costing about half as much as the old one, is much better fitted for my work, and will cost for upkeep only a fraction of what the other cost.

I had intended holding the bill for the new car till the old one was sold, but have got so near the end of my rope that I can't undertake any distant field work till reimbursed.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

C. Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, Calif.

Expense account July 23-31, 1920

July	23-29	Auto trip in Sonoma, Lake & Mendocino Counties, Calif.		
		Toll, Pieta Grade, Miyakma Mts. Each way	1.50	3 00
		Paid Indians for vocabulary work		10 50
		Gasoline and oil		8 50
		Meals seven days a 1.25		8 75
	30	Stamped envelopes		54
		Oregon Historical Soc. Quarterly, 4 addl. nos.	50	2 00
	29	Schwabacher-Frey Co. SF., 500 Letterheads printed V. 1		12 84
July-Aug. Purchase of Chevrolet automobile, 1920, F.B.50:				
July	13	Paid on account	\$500.00	
July	16	Paid on account	598.70	
Aug.	16	Final payment	407.00	
			1505.70	
		Half	2	752.85

798.98

Seven hundred, ninety eight-----

--ninety eight-

798.98

C. Hart Merriam

August 20, 1920 (Friday)

Dear VB:

While in the Burns-Harney country I wish you would find out a few things from the Piute Indians of that region.

Besides getting their names for the various mountains, rivers and lakes and other topographic features, please make a special point of getting their tribal boundaries, and their names for the other tribes and subtribes of adjacent parts.

It is important to know what they call themselves, and the location of the line between themselves and the Bannok on the east or southeast, and the Yahooskin on the west. Do the Harney Piute call themselves Walpape (Wahl-pah-pe)?

You will of course get a lot of ^{fish} mammal, bird, reptile, insect and plant names.

What do they call the mountain range just east of Warner Lakes, and what are their names for the ~~se~~ lakes, for Goose Lake and the Upper, Middle, and Lower Alkali Lakes, and for the Warner Mts. between Goose Lake and the Alkali Lakes. They may know the country south as far as Pyramid and Winnemukka Lakes. Do they know the location of the southwest corner of the Bannok country?

It would be great if you could color in their area on the map of Oregon, and also any information they may give about neighboring tribes.

Be sure to get their numerals, 1 to 10; and also their words for fire, water, river, mountain, house, father, mother, baby, big, little, plenty (or much), scarce (or few), old, young, dead, bow, arrow, quiver, fire-stick, fire ball, &--guess I'll start a separate list of these.

August 22, 1920.

Dear Florence and Vernon:

Since writing the enclosed letter of Aug. 20 your letters dated August 12 and August 15 have arrived, and we are all mighty glad to have so late news of you and to know that you are comfortably quartered with a game warden on the edge of the desert. Glad also to know that you have a pet Perodipus. If you study his actions carefully you will probably find that When he goes he hops, when he is tired he stops, and when he dies he flops.

What business had you to find Crotophytus wislizeni at Boise? Surely the summer must have been mighty hot to tempt him so far north.

Glad you found your buffalo bones, even if you dug them out of a cave instead of the mud of a lake. This will relieve your mind greatly and save you lots of trouble.

When you finish inventing your catch-'em-alive traps you might send me one big enough for a Neotoma -- or what will be still better, bring one when you come down here.

I'd like mightily to interview those Burns Piutes myself, but your account of the road is not altogether enticing, and unless I could have my car, I would not know how to camp or get about or even get over to see you folks, so I hereby appoint you as my representative with full power to get all the information possible

from the aforesaid Piutes, as outlined in my letter of the 20th enclosed herewith and the accompanying blanks.

Elizabeth, Zenaida and I are about to set out on a trip up Russian River Valley and down Bel River; expect to be back here about Sept. 4 or 5.

With love to you both from all of us.

As ever,

Hart

PIUTE OF HARNEY-MALHEUR REGION

From Chief Louis and others at Burns, Oregon, Aug.-Sept., 1920.

Recorded by Vernon Bailey

Words written in simple phonetic English. Syllables separated by hyphens (-); accented syllables so marked ('). Vowels have English values.

ā -- As in fate, date, late.

ă -- As in fat, rat, bat.

ah-- As in father, far.

ē -- As in meat, eternal.

ē -- As in end, met, pen.

i -- As in ice, iron, pine.

ī -- As in it, pin, fin.

o -- As in note, poke.

ō -- As in not, pot.

oo-- As in ooze, spoon.

oi-- As in oil, boil.

ow-- As in how, plow, out.

ū -- As in mule.

ū -- As in tub, mud.

ē -- Never used except before h, as in church. The hard sound of c, as in cat, always written k.

q -- Never used at all. Always use k, as kween.

Dead.....	1.....	Blood.....
Old.....	2.....	Heart.....
Young.....	3.....	Tendon.....
Bad.....	4.....	Teeth.....
Good.....	5.....	Bone.....
Rabbit skin blanket	6.....	Tongue.....
Buck skin.....	7.....	Mouth.....
Red Paint...	8.....	Nose.....
Black Paint.	9.....	Eye.....
White Paint.	10.....	Head.....
Tattoo Marks		Baby.....
House or Wikip		Mother.....
Sweathouse..		Father.....
Fire.....		Woman.....
Coals.....		Man.....
Ashes.....		Indians.....
Smoke.....		People.....
Fire Ball...		
Fire Stick..		
Bow.....		
Arrow.....		
Quiver.....		
Knife.....		
Pipe.....		
Tobacco.....		
Bone Awl...		
Cord or Rope		
Barren Basket		

Waterbottle	
Baby Basket.	
Basket Hat..	far.....
Grub.....	Near.....
Meat.....	Yes.....
Dried Meat..	No.....
Fish.....	I or Me....
Dry Fish....	You.....
Marrow.....	Him.....
Salt.....	We.....
Devil.....	Mine.....
Chief.....	yours.....
Water.....	His.....
River.....	Ours.....
Lake.....	
Ground (Earth)	
Mountain....	
Rock.....	
Sand.....	
Sun.....	
Moon.....	
Rain.....	
Wind.....	
Snow.....	
Summer.....	
winter.....	
Many (Plenty)	
Few (Scarce)	

August 22, 1920.

Dear Dr. Bade:

On returning from a field trip I found your letter and accompanying article on John Muir in Yosemite, for both of which I am very much obliged.

You surely were fortunate in bringing together so much interesting matter, mainly from Muir's own pen, and equally fortunate in the selection of your illustrations.

The Tribune article which you refer to on page 135 as published Dec. 5, 1871, was, if I remember correctly, sent to my father in manuscript by Muir and forwarded by Father to his friend Horace Greeley, editor of the New York Tribune. Unless my memory fails me Muir sent Father several articles which Father forwarded to the Tribune. I remember distinctly that my father regarded Muir's exuberant enthusiasm as a little too flowery, and I think he struck out some of the adjectives in the original manuscript.

I am on the point of setting out on another field trip, but later in the season hope to give myself the pleasure of calling on you at Berkeley and hope that you and Mrs. Bade will be able to visit us at Lagunitas.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,
Dr. William Frederic Bade
Pacific School of Religion,
Berkeley, Calif.

August 22, 1920.

Mr. Ernest T. Seton,
Greenwich, Conn.

Dear Seton:

Way back in the hinder part of my head is a shadowy recollection to the effect that you were coming to California at some time during the present summer or fall. This is merely a hasty line to remind you that Lagunitas is still on the map and only an hour and a half from San Francisco. If we can connect by mail in advance I will be glad to meet you at the Ferry and pilot you over.

I cannot show you any marvels like your wonderful home on the lake side, but nevertheless feel that you will be interested to spend at least one night at our little place in the edge of the redwoods.

With kind regards and best wishes to you all.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

August 22, 1920.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Mace,
Willows,
Calif.

My dear Friends:

You will think it strange to hear from me in August in reply to your letter of Feb. 20. But your letter has only recently come to hand. The reason is this, it was sent to Lagunitas in a big official envelope after I had gone back to Washington. The Lagunitas postmaster put it with my paper and pamphlet mail, and it was stacked up with a lot of second-class mail in my house where it has remained until a few days ago when I accidentally dug it up.

I am glad to know that I was of even a little assistance to Mrs. Mace in the preparation of her Indian material, and am glad to know that she takes so active an interest in these unfortunate people.

In the matter of the Paskenta Indians I stirred up the Indian Office last spring, and I have heard that they have actually purchased a piece of land for these Indians. I hope to go up there sometime in the early fall and shall certainly give myself the pleasure of calling on you at Willows.

With best wishes to you both.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

August 22, 1920.

Major E. A. Goldman,
In Charge Biological Investigations,
U.S. Biological Survey.

Dear Goldman:

Thanks for your letter of the 13th inst. I am enclosing another express notice which I presume relates to bear skulls and shall be obliged if you will kindly have brought to the Survey and cared for in the usual way.

Glad to know that Preble is there and that he will write me about the bear skulls. Had not heard of Elton Clark's shipment.

Glad to know that you had such good luck in Arizona, and that the elk herd in question is doing so well.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

August 22, 1920.

Mr. A. H. Twitchell,
Flat, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of June 20 has reached me at my summer base, Lagunitas, Calif. I am very glad to hear from you again and to have the additional information you have contributed about the bears of your region.

Unfortunately I cannot answer your question as to who has trained bear dogs for sale. I do not know any of this kind personally, but I know of two men in this State who use bear dogs in hunting black bear. Whether or not they would sell any of their dogs, and whether or not dogs trained to hunt small black bear would tackle the big grizzlies of Alaska I cannot say.

Yes, I have seen one or two cabins after they had been visited by bears, and the general mixup of flour, salt, food and clothing was very much as you indicate.

You ask if I received a skull of a grizzly sent in about January and killed by you Oct. 20, 1919. Not having my bear cards here, I cannot be sure until I return to Washington, but I think I have written you about all the skulls received.

With thanks for your trouble,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

August 22, 1920.

Mr. Herbert Lee,
Tenakee,
Alaska.

Dear Mr. Lee:

Last spring I received a letter from you asking for the measurements of a huge bear skull which you sent me several years ago killed on Saltery Bay, Chichagof Island. I wish to apologize for not replying earlier and for not complying with your very natural request. The difficulty is this, during the war it was necessary to make room in the National Museum for the War Insurance clerks. As a consequence our mammal collection was moved up to the third floor where it was stored. At first only about 1,500 clerks came, but the number soon increased to 2,000 and finally 3,000, with consequent condensation of the Museum material, covering both the study collections and the exhibition series so that the Museum had to be closed to everybody except the war workers. When the new building for the War Insurance people was completed we expected to move the mammal collection back to its original quarters on the first floor, but this was prevented by the creation of a new branch of the Museum, namely, an exhibit of war uniforms and war materials which completely filled both of the

mammal halls. As a result our collections are still compressed to such a degree that it is almost impossible to find anything, and I have not been able to do any work on bear skulls for nearly or fully three years. Several times during the spring and summer I tried to find your big skull, but without success.

At present I am in California engaged in field work as usual during the summer, but expect to return to Washington about the end of the year. By that time the pressure on our skull cases should be somewhat relieved. As soon as I am able to find your skull I will measure it and send you the figures.

Regretting to be obliged to send you this apologetic explanation instead of the information you asked for,

Very truly yours,

August 22, 1920.

Mr. John D. S. Manning,
524 Baum Bldg.,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of July 21st has been forwarded to me from Washington. Some of your questions I will answer; others I cannot answer here away from my library and other materials.

1. Several sub-species of polar bears have been described, but I am not sure as to whether or not any of them will stand.

2. As to species and sub-species of black bears: I revised this group some years ago, but have not taken it up since. We now have in our collection about two thousand skulls, and I intend to make a critical study of them before finally publishing on the group. The group as a whole is quite distinct from that of the grizzly and big brown bears and is commonly recognized as a separate genus or sub-genus under the name of Euarctos. The forms commonly recognized at present are luteolus of the Gulf States, floridanus of the Peninsula of Florida, amblyceps of Arizona and New Mexico, oremicus of Coahuila, Mexico and parts of New Mexico, altifrontalis from the Coast Region of Washington and Oregon, and carlottae from Queen Charlotte Islands.

3. The South American bears are confined to the Andean region and belong to a very distinct genus, Tremarctos. They are smaller than our black bears and have no known relatives nearer than the fossil genus Arctotherium which, however, differs in many important characters and are of very large size.

4. I cannot answer your question as to the number of species of bears in Urasia, for the reason that they have not been revised and the material in our American museums is insufficient for the purpose. It is obvious, however, that the big bears of Kamtchatka are quite distinct from the brown bear of Europe, Ursus arctos.

5. Ursus middendorffi is distinct from the Asiatic bears and also from all other American species and is restricted to Kadiak Island.

6. You ask if the Syrian and Sun bear represent a distinct group. These two animals are different from one another. The Syrian bear being a member of the restricted genus Ursus, while the Sun bear of the Malay region belongs to an entirely different genus, Helarctos. The Sloth or Honey bear of India represents still another genus, Melursus.

No, my large work on the Bears has not yet gone to press, but I have published a review of the American big bears. It is North American Fauna No. 41, and you can probably obtain a copy by writing the Chief of the Biological Survey at Washington for it.

The Separates of my mammal papers are in Washington. If you will write me there in January or February I can probably send you copies of my Revision of the Pumas and several other papers. I am now sending you two or three bear publications of which I happen to have duplicates here in California.

The best general work on living mammals is the one by Flower and Lydekker.

Very truly yours,
Robert Mearns

August 23, 1920

Miss Georgia Lea
2400 Durant Street
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Miss Lea:

When you left Lagunitas the other evening I had completely forgotten the circumstance that on your first visit you came on Saturday and worked during the afternoon; also that I overlooked a meal which you must have had on one of the ferries. Therefore, I am enclosing the receipt you gave me, corrected, along with a check for the balance I owe you.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Aug. 23, 1920

Mr G. E. Lyon,
Lakeport, Calif.

My dear Sir:

Doctor Stephens has given me the long slim stone of aboriginal workmanship which you were so generous as to present to our National collection, and which we greatly appreciate. The Indians of Upper Lake do not know what it was for and say they never saw anything like it before.

Dr William H. Holmes, head curator of Anthropology in the National Museum, is the best informed man in the world as to the prehistoric stone implements of America. On returning to Washington I will turn it over to him, and will let you know if he knows what it is.

Thanking you for your kindness in the matter, and with best regards to Mrs Lyon and the children,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Sept. 5, 1920

Mr P.A. Graham,
Forest Ranger,
Willow Creek, Calif.

Dear Mr Graham:

Very many thanks for your letter of August 20, which I find here on returning from a trip up the coast.

I am delighted to know that animals and provisions are to be had so handy, and shall be greatly obliged if you will have four animals (horses or mules, or both) with an Indian packer sent down from Hoopa in time to set out from your place on the morning of Wednesday Sept. 15. I expect to have one man with me--an engineer, son of the veteran geologist, G.K. Gilbert. He and the packer and I make three, calling for three saddle animals with saddles. And we shall need one pack animal to carry beds and grub, making 4 animals all told. We expect to go light.

I am counting on you and the Indian to direct me to any Indians who may live in the country between Burnt Ranch and South Fork Salmon. For, besides my natural history work, I am trying to map the various Indian tribes of the State. Indians living near Forks of Salmon told me last year that there were still a few Indians on upper New River or some of its tributaries. You will know about them I hope.

Don't try to answer this, as I shall leave before an answer could reach Lagunitas.

Very truly yours,

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Sept. 7, 1920

Mr A. J. Peterson,
Duluth, Minn.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter and pricelist of Autopacks.

I shall be glad to try one on my Chevrolet Baby Grand car (1920 model, FB 50) and am enclosing herewith my check on the Crocker National Bank of San Francisco for \$18, for which please send me one of Heavy Autotop cloth, size 9x24x36, with adjustable padded hooks.

As there is no express office at Lagunitas, please send by express, charges collect, addressed to me at San Geronimo, Marin County, Calif.

Very truly yours,

C. Hoffmann

Sept. 6, 1920

Mr W. I. Adams

Accountant
Smithsonian Institution.

Dear Mr Adams:

Herewith is my account for the month of August, amounting to \$100.89, and two other vouchers (as noted below), which I shall be obliged if you will kindly pay from the Harriman fund, as usual.

Have recently returned from an auto field trip through the Eel River and Bull Creel Redwoods, and over some of the worst mountain roads in the United States--up and down miles of 33 per-cent grades in the Coast Mountains where the roads are not only curved and twisted almost beyond belief, but also so narrow that the car is scratched on both sides by projecting branches.

Could not have made it with the old car--too big and heavy--but the new one has no end of power and is short enuf to make the turns. Have now driven her over 1700 miles.

Had poor luck with Indians, they being either dead or gone to the Hop Pickings in the interior. But in the natural history line got splendid material. Had fog and rain on the coast.

Am preparing to start on another long trip on the 11th.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Accompanying Vouchers:

Z. Merriam, Asst. 10 days, \$35

J.W. Scollick, cleaning 4 Bear skulls, \$4

C. Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, Marin Co., Calif.

August 1920 Expense Account

Aug. 3	Marsh & Co., Photo dev. & ptg.	1	1 15
6	Richmond Ferry, car & self		94
	Oakland Harbor Ferry, car & self		1 03
	Sausalito Ferry (returning)		1 12
	Alemtine car	2	16.40
	Exchg for new Odometer	10.00	26.40
	Meals 2.25; 3 map-coloring brushes .30	Half 3	13 20
9	Marquis & Co. Who's Who for 1920-1921	4	2 55
10	Sausalito Ferry, Round trip, car & self (1.94 + 2)		6 50
	Oils (Monogram & 600-W)		2.19
	Gasoline 2.16; Fullers earth 25; meals 2.00		1 60
16	Sausalito Ferry, Round trip car & self		4 41
	Gasoline 1.89; Meals 2.00; 6 small pads .30		2 19
	Thayer Garage, July bill (Paid August 16)	5	4 19
21	Expressage on Bear skull from McCarthy, Alaska	6	6 00
22	Georgia Lea, Services Stenographer 2 1/2 days & expenses	7	1 66
Aug. 25-31	Auto field trip to lower Eel River & Coast		17 91
	Gasoline @ \$2.45 per gal \$7.90; Oil & adjustments 2.85		10 75
	Indian for Vocab. work at Garberville		2 00
	Meals 6 days, Sup. 25-din. 3 incl. self & asst @ 1.25		15 00
	Sup. Aug 31 to dinner Sept. 1 incl (Mrs Filmer, Westpt) & for self & asst		6 50
			100.89

One hundred-----

eighty nine----

100.89

C. Hart Merriam

Sept. 8, 1920

Mr E. H. Steedman
St Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr Steedman:

Many thanks for your letter of August 25, which I found on returning a few days ago from an auto trip up the coast and through the great redwood forests.

Your statement that the long narrow skull is that of a very old bear interests me greatly, and I look forward in the hope of having an opportunity to compare it with the others, and with some of the big skulls from Alaska Peninsula in our collection.

I am writing Mr Mallinckrodt by this mail in the hope that he will present the skull to the National Museum, or at least loan it to me for examination. But not knowing his address, I am taking the liberty to ask you to forward it to him.

Replying to your question about the species of the cubs, would say that if their mother is fully adult I could in all probability determine the species from her skull. I have done this before in several cases.

I hope Mr Murgatroyd will tag the skulls of your bears so there may be no question as to their identity when they arrive. In a similar case several years ago it was impossible to identify the skulls, one of which was of unusual interest.

Your description of the male bear killed by Mrs. Steedman indicates that it was Ursus kidderi, while the big males killed were probably Ursus gyas.

I greatly appreciate the information you have given about these bears.

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Sept. 8, 1920

Mr E. Mallinckrodt, Jr.

St Louis, Mo.

My dear Sir:

Mr E. H. Steedman of your city has excited my interest in regard to a big old male bear with a long narrow skull recently killed by you on Alaska Peninsula. I am anxious to see this skull and to compare it with specimens in our National collection. For this reason I am emboldened to ask if you are willing to present it to the collection; or, if not, if you would kindly loan it to me for a short time after my return to Washington in the late fall?

I envy the wonderful experiences with big bears which you and Mr Steedman enjoyed on your recent hunt.

Trusting that you will pardon my liberty in writing,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

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Major E.A. Goldman
U.S. Biological Survey.

Sept. 8, 1920

Dear Goldman:

On returning from lower Eel River a few days ago I found letters from yourself and Preble about the Bear skulls and so on, for which I am obliged. I wish to thank you also for the news you were thoughtful enuf to give me about the doings of several of the Survey men. Not having seen anyone from the Survey since leaving Washington in June, I did not know what was going on.

Am about starting on another field trip--a combination of auto and horseback--to the Humboldt Bay country and thence across the mountains to Trinity River.

With best wishes to you all,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Am enclosing another Bear skull express notice.

Please have some more skull tags sent me as I have none left.

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Sept. 8, 1920

Mr Luther J. Goldman

Boise, Idaho.

Dear Goldman:

Thanks for your letter about 'French John' (John Ouellette) as a likely candidate for collecting Bear skulls. I am writing him by this mail.

It is interesting and encouraging to meet such rare characters in remote parts of the world.

I wrote to Fred Campbell on receipt of your former letter.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Sept. 8, 1920

Mr John Ouellette
Fairbanks, Alaska.

My dear Sir:

Mr Luther Goldman of the Biological Survey writes me that you do a good deal of traveling in the Tanana and other parts of interior Alaska, and that you might like to collect some skulls of Grizzly Bears. I want to get a number more of skulls of fully adult Grizzlies, particularly old males, from that region, and pay fair prices for them. Males are worth considerably more than females, and old skulls are worth much more than young. For skulls of old males in good condition I will pay 10 dollars each; for females about 6 dollars.

Each skull should have a tag tied to it, and on the tag should be written the name of the locality where the Bear was killed, and also the sex and approximate date if known, and your own name.

Skulls should be carefully wrapped and packed to prevent damage in transit, and each package should be addressed:

U.S. Biological Survey
Washington, D.C.

Your own name also should be on the package.

Packages may be sent either by Parcels Post or by Express, whichever is most convenient for you. If sent by express, mark the package "Charges Collect".

If you send any skulls, please write me also, telling me about them, so I shall be on the lookout.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Sept. 8, 1920

Mr E. A. Preble
U.S. Biological Survey.

Dear Preble:

Thanks for your letter of August 20, which I found on returning from an interesting field trip up the coast.

As you suspected, some of the skulls--those recd. in May--came before I left, but for some unaccountable reason were not numbered, and consequently it was impossible to complete my card record.

The most important ones in the entire lot are those from Lituya Bay, presented by Elton Clark. Have been trying to get specimens from this part of the coast for more than 20 years without success. I will write Mr Clark by this mail.

Am in a hurry, getting ready to set out on another trip in the rugged mts of Trinity River region before the rains set in. Had a little rain last trip, and much fog on the coast.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Sept. 8, 1920

Mr Elton Clark
18 Postoffice Square
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr Clark:

Only today have I learned of your splendid success in getting specimens of Big Bears at Lituya Bay. For more than 20 years I have been trying to get hold of skulls from that part of the coast, but without success. A letter from Preble of the Biological Survey, which awaited my return from a field trip in the redwood country and along the coast north, tells me the good news.

Of all the skulls received this year, not one approaches these in importance. And it is especially gratifying to know that you got adult males. I am impatient to see them, but of course cannot until my return to Washington in the late fall.

And I shall look forward also to an account of the details of your hunt. I am most thankful that you succeeded and that you returned in safety--for Lituya has a very bad reputation.

With grateful thanks for what you have done,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Copy of this letter sent to Mr. Clark by mail on Sept. 10, 1920.

Sept. 9, 1920

Dr Joseph Grinnell
Museum of Vertebrate Zoology
Berkeley, California.

Dear Doctor Grinnell:

Your letter of the 7th inst. catches me between two trips, as I'm only a few days back from the northern redwoods and coast, and am settin out day after tomorrow for a longer trip north.

Had hoped to see you and others at the Museum long before this but have not had time. Have not seen Evermann or Miss Eastwood or Joseph Mailliard--in fact, have not made any calls at all, but shall later on. You see I am getting too swiftly toward the age when field work in rough country will have to come to an end, and like the farmer, I must make hay while the sun shines, for clouds are gathering in the distance.

No, I had not heard of any Grizzlies from the San Gabriel Mts either last year or this; hope you will succeed in running them down.

With kindest regards to you all till I see you,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Sept. 9, 1920

Dear Sheldon:

A postcard from Mrs Sheldon to Elizabeth, postmarked Annapolis, Aug. 31, is the prod that sets this off. We don't know whether you were on your way out, or whether you always mail your cards at Annapolis; but as it is nearly time for the Washington schools to begin their annual grind, the Merriam trio at Lagunitas votes that Q Street is probably the safer address.

Well, how are you all? We all are well and reasonably happy, and unconscionably busy. We have been on several field trips with the car as a base, and have only just returned from a most wonderfully interesting run through the great redwood forests and the mountains of the northern coast region. We spoke of you all many times and hope we can take you at no distant day to camp in the glorious redwoods. It is an easy trip for any car, but the coast roads are--well, no place for anything bigger than a Chevrolet Baby Grand (the largest size they make now), and a wheel barrow endowed with power would be much better! The roads are just wide enuf for one set of wheels, and there are miles and miles of grades of 33 percent. No place for a Cadillac, or a Marmon, or any big car. To make the turns a car ought to be able to revolve on a central pivot.

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the lake from a hill, and surrounded by handsome flowers. We exclaimed simultaneously, What a wonderful place for the Sheldons, but were obliged to add "were it not for the summer heat". The owners had died and the children had never finished it and offered it for sale at a fraction of its cost.

Then we have thought of you with reference to some of the humble summer places here at Lagunitas, where we are still hoping to have you for neighbors before we are too old to tramp the hills.

About the middle of July I turned in my old big Chevrolet and bought a Baby Grand--the largest they make now. Have driven it over 1700 miles and like it much. It is not much for speed, but has wonderful power on both high and second and is an ideal mountain car, and roomy enough for camp outfit.

Have only today learned that Elton Clark did go to Lituya Bay, and that he got several big male bears there, and that their skulls are now in the Biological Survey collection. I am most impatient to see them. This is the record catch for 1920 sure.

Am packing now to start on another field trip day after tomorrow. Shall drive north to Humboldt Bay and thence up over the mountains easterly to Trinity River, where I have arranged to be met by an Indian with horses or mules for the high mts beyond. Expect to be back here by the end of the month.

Have not heard from Nelson, but he thought he would reach California about the first of October.

John C. Merriam and family spent a night with us just before we started on the last trip. He goes east tomorrow.

Having no stenographer this season I am constantly behind.

With love from all of us to all of you, and hoping you all are well and the children having lots of fun and plenty to eat,
As ever yours,

Sept. 10, 1920

Dear Miss Clemence:

For profound and continuous silence you certainly should take the prize! But as you will soon be invading the sacred halls of the Northumberland I am hoping it will occur to you that certain California friends would like to know that you are still alive, and also to learn something of your accomplishments of late.

Here the summer has gone and I have relatively little to show for it except along natural history lines. Have some good Indian material, but by no means so much as expected. In many localities ALL are Dead; in others all are at the Hop Pickings and the rancherias deserted.

A few days ago we returned from a wonderful trip through the great redwood forests of Eel River and some of its too numerous branches, in connection with which we traversed the coast mountains over some of the worst roads and steepest grades in America. And I am now packing to start tomorrow for Humboldt Bay and the mountains easterly to and beyond Trinity River. Have succeeded in engaging an Indian to meet me with pack and saddle mules for the far part. Hope to be back by the end of the month.

To my surprise, the Sosone girl was here again this year, and I hope to get more material from her. Hence please send me the Sosone Vocabulary from the Vocab. case.

Mrs M and Z join in kindest regards to yourself and mother

Very truly yours,

Miss Stella Clemence
Washington, D.C.

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Sept. 26, 1920.

Mr. W. I. Adams,
Accountant, Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Adams:

Inasmuch as the balance of the Harriman fund available for the remainder of the current year is rapidly diminishing, and as I am not certain that my figures are correct, I should appreciate the favor if you will kindly send me a memorandum stating the balance after deducting to end of the year office rental at the Northumberland and salaries of Miss Stella Clemence and myself.

I dislike to put you to this trouble, but am anxious to keep within limits on future expenditures.

Have just returned from a rather severetrip in the high mountains between Humboldt Bay and Trinity River and in the New River country farther north. Encountered heavy rains, but succeeded in obtaining a vocabulary from the last survivor of a remote and little known tribe.

Very truly yours
W. I. Adams

Sept. 26, 1920.

Mr. C. Garrett,
Cranbrook, B.C.

My dear Sir:

A letter from the Biological Survey announces the safe arrival of the skull of the grizzly from the head of Wolf Creek, B.C.

They tell me that the bear, while apparently full grown, was not fully adult, as shown by the skull and teeth. Nevertheless I am glad to have it and a check of twelve dollars in payment will be sent you from the Smithsonian Institution early in October.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Sept. 26, 1920.

Capt. J. C. Hubrick,
McCarthy, Alaska.

Dear Capt. Hubrick:

Very many thanks for your letter of August 10 which I found awaiting my return from a recent field trip. I find also the box containing the skull of the grizzly killed by Mr. Mitton last year, for which I am very much obliged. Will attend to payment for same a little later. [24 cent left aff.]

I appreciate your successful efforts in obtaining this skull, concerning which I wrote you last March.

Hope you will succeed in making your trip around Mt. St. Elias next spring, and that you will get hold of some of the St. Elias bears.

For the present, with best wishes,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Sept. 26, 1920.

Capt. A. B. Conover,
Telegraph Creek, Alaska.

My dear Sir:

On returning from a recent field trip I find your letter of August 10th about the bears.

It is not very unusual for cub bears of several different species to have a white collar for the first year or two of their lives. I have seen at least half a dozen such cubs, possibly more, and we usually have one or two in the Washington Zoo.

A letter from the Biological Survey announces the arrival of the two large grizzly skulls shipped by you in June. We will settle for them a little later. This is merely a hasty acknowledgment.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Sept. 26, 1920.

Mr. George E. Good,
U.S. School Teacher,
Killisnoo, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

On returning from field work in northern California I find your letter of August 27, forwarded from Washington. I have also a letter from the Biological Survey stating that the skulls of the two bears killed by Mr. Walter K. Williams have arrived -- one an adult male and the other a two year old cub.

I have had to cut down in purchasing bear skulls and am not able to buy so many as formerly or to pay such high prices. However, since Mr. Williams has taken the trouble to send these, I will give him three dollars for the cub's skull and twelve dollars for the old male, making fifteen in all. A check for this amount will be sent him from my account in the Smithsonian Institution early in October.

Thanking you for writing in his behalf,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Sept. 26, 1920.

Mr. L. E. Wyman,
Museum of History, Science and Art,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Wyman:

On returning from a field trip I find your letter of August 26, forwarded from Washington, in which you tell me that the skull of the Hinchinbrook bear was sent to Washington for my examination.

I appreciate your courtesy in the matter and shall look forward with unusual interest to the privilege of comparing this specimen with my adult male skull from the same island.

In regard to the Richardson skull of a grizzly killed in the Sierra Madre or San Gabriel Range, my recollection is that the skull was returned about three years ago, but not having my records at this end of the line, I cannot give the date. As I remember the circumstance the skull came attached to the skin; however, I will look it up on returning to Washington.

With many thanks for your courtesy in the matter,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Sept. 26, 1920

Mr. E. H. Steedman,
Curtis & Co. Manufacturing Co.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Steedman:

Very many thanks for your letter of the 14th inst., which I find on returning from a trip to Trinity River in the northern part of the State. I appreciate your continued courtesies in the matter of your bear skulls and the bears killed by Mr. Mallinckrodt.

The tags you sent Margatroyd should prevent any misplacement at his end of the line, and I shall examine the skulls with great interest on my return to Washington.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

Sept. 26, 1920.

Mr. Nagamichi Kuroda,
Fukuyoshi Cho,
Akasaka, Tokyo.

My dear Sir:

Your letter of August 5 and the accompanying papers which you were kind enough to send me have been recently received, forwarded from Washington. I am glad to see that you are still actively engaged in continuing your work on mammals and birds, and I am very glad to add your papers to my library.

I expect to remain in California engaged in field work until the latter part of December or early January; but on my return to Washington shall be glad to comply with your request for my photograph in exchange for one of yours which you will be kind enough to send me.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

Sept. 26, 1920.

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Dear Miss Clemence:

On returning from a fruitful and somewhat difficult trip to Humboldt Bay, Mad River, Redwood Creek and Trinity River I was happy to find your letters of the 12th and 17th inst. awaiting perusal. Glad you had a peaceful summer.

It is good to know that Dr. Coy's Guide to the California County Archives is published. I had not heard of it and shall be obliged if you will kindly order a copy.

Your suggestion to have the ceiling in my room repaired before my return strikes me most favorably, and I shall be obliged if you will have it attended to. Probably you will feel it necessary to be on hand most of the time while the work is being done, which will be something of a nuisance.

It is good to know that you have been able to avoid the bugbear of house hunting, and that you are pleasantly situated for the winter.

You say nothing about forwarding the Sosone vocabulary I asked you for, and as it has not arrived, I am led to suspect that you overlooked that part of my letter.

Zenaida says that she wrote you about ten days ago, so that your letters doubtless crossed in the mail.

This last trip was a severe one in several respects. I drove the car about seven hundred miles, of which the northern part was over some of the most difficult roads in the country --

miles and miles of very steep grades running from twenty-eight to thirty-five percent over the high mountains between Humboldt Bay and Redwood Creek and between Redwood Creek and Trinity River; and we made this part in a pouring rain over muddy, slippery, water washed roads, both up and down the steep slopes.

The Forest Service has blasted out the beginning of a new road high up on the precipitous south wall of the canyon of Trinity River which may be completed next year. This enabled me to actually drive my car to a point a little beyond Burnt Ranch where the road is about a thousand feet above the River. We (Arch Gilbert and I) set out up New River with a pack outfit of four mules, crossing Trinity River on a narrow wire suspension bridge some six hundred feet long and about eight hundred feet above the River. As the bridge is none too strong and sways sideways and up and down we had to lead one mule over at a time. From the far end of the bridge the narrow trail continues rising on the face of the cliffs until along the lower part of the deep chasm of New River it attains an altitude of about two thousand feet above the River.

However, we got through safely and found the sole survivor of the Che-mar-re-ko tribe (the correct spelling and pronunciation by our method). From her I obtained a very good vocabulary, which you will agree with me was worth all it cost to get.

On the way out I visited the sole remaining rancheria of the Hwilkut Tribe, checking my former vocabulary and obtaining a considerable quantity of additional material.

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Had it not been for the premature rains would have stayed longer. But in spite of the mud and slippery grades we reached home in safety with all our material.

As it is now getting late I shall start North again as soon as possible.

With best wishes from us all,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Miss Stella Clemence,
701 Northumberland Apartments,
Washington, D.C.

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Sept. 26, 1920.

Dear Florence and Vernon:

Your letters of September 8 from Voltage and September 22 from Portland were awaiting my return from the North. We surely are glad to hear from you and to know that you will be here by the 8th or 10th of next month. But we are not going to let you rush off in a hurry. If you have time enough to stay over at Portland for an Audubon meeting, you surely have time for a reasonable visit here, especially as there are plenty of field observations to be made both here and at Clear Lake.

But if Vernon stops long enough at Klamath Falls to catch beaver, I doubt if he arrives at Lagunitas before 1921.

I would like mightily to join him on that trip to the Modoc caves, but fear it will be impracticable, as I must start on another field trip as soon as the notes from the last trip are written up -- probably in three or four days. It is so late now that it is necessary to take advantage of the good weather before the fall rains set in.

On my recent trip North, on which I was accompanied by Arch Gilbert, we were caught and somewhat imperiled by severe rains in high mountains. I crossed the range between Korbek and Redwood Creek a few miles farther south than the trail over which Vernon and I crossed more than twenty years ago; and crossed the still higher range between Redwood Creek and Trinity River over very stiff grades of twenty-five to thirty-five percent in a pouring

rain over slippery mud without chains. It was a fearsome trip, but we live to tell the tale. I drove the car to Burnt Ranch on Trinity, after which we got an Indian and mules and crossed the narrow Trinity chasm on a narrow swinging foot bridge about six hundred feet above the water, leading one mule over at a time. The trail thence north up New River skirts the edge of the cliffs from one to two thousand feet above the River, but we got what we went for and are home safe and sound. Will tell you more about it later.

I am immensely glad to have those Piute and Wasco vocabularies and am particularly thankful to Vernon for the northern Piute material, including their name for themselves.

Some years ago I had a little correspondence with Dr. Morrison of the Harney country and had heard that he was dead; but I did not know what had become of his material and am glad to know that it is at Berkeley.

If I get back in time, I will drop you a line addressed to Klamath Falls.

With love from us all,

As ever,

Sept. 27, 1920

Mr F. A. Graham
Forest Ranger
Willow Creek, Calif.

Dear Mr Graham:

(2) I was greatly disappointed not to meet you on my recent trip to Willow Creek and New River, but want to thank you for the excellent arrangements you made for me. The trip was most successful as I got what I went for. Next time I'll try to go earlier in the season and stay a little longer, and shall hope to see you in person.

On writing up my notes I find that I lack certain information as to distances and altitudes, and shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly supply them. To save your time I am enclosing a memorandum list for you to fill and return.

With kind regards to Mrs Graham, whom I was sorry not to see again,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Please remember me to Mr Adams and Mr and Mrs Smith, all of whom were most kind and helpful.

Will Mr Graham kindly fill distances and altitudes and return to C. Hart Merriam, Lagunitas, Calif.

Distance, Willow Creek to South Fork.
" Nobles Ranch.
" Hawkins Bar.
" Suspension Bridge. (near Bill Gray's)
Gray's Ranch to Suspension Bridge.
" mouth New River.
" Dyer Ranch.
" Sally Noble's.

Altitude of Willow Creek.
Redwood Creek Bridge
Berry Mt. summit.
Bald Mt. summit.

Oct. 5, 1920

Dear Mr Howe:

Replying to your letter of Sept. 23, forwarded from Washington:

In regard to the map of Life Zones of which you speak, you will have to write the Biological Survey, as I have no information on the subject other than the fact that in the long-ago days when I was chief, it was my practice to have a few hundred extras printed for use of the Survey of all maps and other illustrations appearing in our publications.

Very truly yours,

Dr R Heber Howe, Jr.
33 Lexington Ave.,
Cambridge, Mass.

Oct. 4, 1920

Mr W. I. Adams
Accountant,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr Adams:

Herewith I am enclosing my expense account for September, amounting to \$163.30, along with five other vouchers, as per accompanying list, which I shall be obliged if you will kindly pay as usual from the Harriman fund.

Had a rather severe trip north, crossing the high mountains between Humboldt Bay and Trinity River to Burnt Ranch over dreadfully steep slippery grades in a pouring rain. Then left the car at a ranch and with an Indian packer and mules crossed Trinity River Canyon on a narrow swinging wire suspension foot bridge about 800 feet above the water, and climbed the high cliffs walling in the narrow gorge of New River to a height of about two thousand feet directly over the river on a trail blasted out of the face of the cliff and so narrow that a mule had to be packed with his load on top--no room for side packs. A misstep would have landed man or animal at the bottom of the chasm a couple of thousand feet below.

But I got what I went there for--a good vocabulary and other material from the last living remnant of the Chemariko tribe.

On the way out, visited the last of the 30 odd villages of the Hwilkut tribe and secured a splendid lot of additional material--additional to what I got from them ten years ago.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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Accompanying Vouchers:

Zenaida Merriam, Services as Asst.	\$26.25
C. Garrett, Skull of Grizzly Bear	12.00
Walter K. Williams, 2 skulls Grizzlies (old & young)	\$15.00
Capt. J.C. Hubrick, skull of old male Grizzly	\$24.00
Capt. A.B. Conover, skulls of 2 male Grizzlies	30.00

PS.--Please note what I paid for packer and mules on Trinity River:

Man and 4 mules for \$7 per day! This shows the remoteness of the region, as anywhere else in California the charge would have been at least \$5 per day for the man and at least \$3 for each animal, making \$17 per day as minimum charge--and I had to pay only \$7!

C. Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, Marin Co., Calif.

Expense account for September, 1920

Sept.			
1-3	Field meals 2 days (Sup. Sept. 1-dinner Sept. 3, incl.)	1.25	250
2	Gasoline at Willits 1.75; at Ukiah 2.10		385
4	Thayer Garage: Gas & oil in August		520
7	Round trip Lagunitas-San Fran. Ferry, car & self	1	274
7	Gasoline 3.02; bowl for car 65cts		367
7	Non-skid tire (new, exchg. for old, dif.) \$9.45	2	
7	Spark plug & rear hub extension 2.40, 11.85	3	half 592
11-21	Auto trip to Humboldt Bay & Trinity River incl. pack animal trip to New River mts.		
	Oil & Garage charges		293
	38 gals. gas (at Willits, Arcata, and Eureka)		1269
	Pd. Chemariko & Hwilkut Indians, Vocab. services		1200
	Field meals Sup. Sept. 11-din. Sept. 14 incl.	1.25	375
	G.B. Smith, Board & ldg, sup. 14th-din. 15th incl dinner for packer		275
	J.T. Butler, Sup. & bkfst. self & packer	4	75
	Feed of 3 mules over night @.50	5	250
	A. Brizard, Inc. Man & 4 mules 4 days @ \$7 Sept. 15-18	6	150
	Mrs Noble, Feed 4 mules 2 nights (Sept 16 & 17)		2800
	Gray's Rch, Sept. 18, dinner self & packer		400
	Field meals, self & packer din Sept 16-bkfst 18th incl		150
	Mrs C. Marsh, Bd & ldg sup Sept 18-din Sept 19 incl	7	500
	Meals, Arcata & Eureka, sup Sept 19-sup Sept 20th		250
	Room, Hotel Arcata, Sept 19-20	8	250
21	Room & bkfst Hotel Willits	9	200
24	Ferry car & self, Lagunitas-San Fran. & return		2 74
25	San Fran-Alameda & return		30
	Gasoline (12 gals)		3 24
	Pair Weed chains for car (33x4) \$4.90	10	half 2 45
26	Meals in San Fran. Sept 24 & 25		2 50
2	Stenographer (services, transp. & meal)	11	6 96
9-30	Ferry, car & self, San Francisco & return		2 74
	Chevrolet Factory Branch: relining clutch, adjusting brakes, refilling motor with oil		5 56
	5 gallons gasoline @ 27cts		1 35
	Meals		3 00
	Marsh & Co. Photo developing & ptg. & film	12	7 20
	Stamped envelopes & postage		86
17	Electric current, Northumberland (July 23-Sept 15)	13	3 00
30	Janitor, Northumberland (thro Miss Clemence)		1 00
Sept. 7.	A.J. Peterson, Duluth, Minn.: 1 Autopack (9x24x36) for field work with car base.....		\$18.00
Sept. 13.	Expressage on above	14	1.30
			19.30
		Half	9 65

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Lagunitas, Calif.

Oct. 7, 1920

Dear Mr Stewart:

Thanks for your letter of Sept. 29 and accompanying branch and nut of the California Nutmeg (Tundia californicum) from Middle Fork Tule River.

You have a colossal memory to recall the spot on my map after so many years. I got the species on Kaweah River, but Sudworth records it from the Tule River country in Township 21, Range 30 East, which must be mighty near the spot where Dr Combs got your specimen. His record for Deer Creek is the most southern of all.

Had a pretty severe trip in Humboldt County. Drove my car to Humboldt Bay and Korb, and thence easterly to Willow Creek and Burnt Ranch on Trinity River, crossing the two lofty mountain ranges over very steep grades (said to run from 28° to 35°) on slippery mud in the rain. Then took an Indian and pack outfit and went north up the deep chasm of New River. Located the last survivor of a little-known tribe and got a vocabulary and fine lot of material.

Our rains have started in earnest and I'll have to hustle to wind up my field work in the north before they become a steady thing.

Thanks for Emily's address. Give her our love. We shall be delighted to call on her if we reach the Watsonville country this year; and if not, will try next year.

Mrs Merriam and Zenaida join in kindest regards to Mrs. Stewart and yourself.

As ever yours,

Mr Geo. W. Stewart
Visalia, Calif.

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Oct. 12, 1920

Forest Ranger

Big Bar, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Will you kindly tell me if the new road to Big Bar is
now open and safe for machines?

I was informed that it was to be open before this, but
feared the recent heavy rains might have put it out of commission.

An early reply will greatly oblige,

Very truly yours

E. Hartman

Oct. 12, 1920

Mr F. A. Graham
Forest Ranger
Willow Creek, Calif.

Dear Mr Graham:

Many thanks for the distances and altitudes--just what I wanted.

Now I want to bother you again. Can you tell me the name of the Indian who has the Parcela Post contract for the pack route up New River? I met him on the trail but it was late and a storm threatening, so didn't have a chance to talk with him. But he impressed me as a man of more than ordinary intelligence. Where does he live when at home?

We have been having a rainy week, with nearly 3 inches of rainfall, and I assume that your region received its share.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. H. Hudson

Oct. 27, 1920

University Press,
Berkeley, Calif.

In purchasing some anthropological publications at your desk the other day (on the 15th I believe) I forgot to ask for a receipt. I shall be obliged therefore if you will kindly send a receipt for \$8.80 in payment for the following:

- Vol. 1 no. 1. Goddard, Hupa.
 4 5. Kroeber, Washo.
 5 5. Dixon, Chimariko.
 10 6. Goddard, Chilula.
 13 2. Waterman, Yana.
 14 3. Loud, Wiyot.
 16 5. Waterman, Yurok.
 16 8. Kroeber, Yuman Tribes.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

I have to send receipts as vouchers in my monthly
 accounts to the Smithsonian Inst. - C.H.M.

October 31, 1920.

Mr. E. Mallinckrodt,
St. Louis, Missouri.

My dear Sir:

On returning from field work along the northwest coast and in the mountains between Humboldt Bay and Trinity River I find your interesting letter of Sept. 25, for which I thank you very much.

Bears, in common with many other carnivorous mammals, have a layer of open bone tissue commonly called cancellus or honeycomb between the brain cavity and the frontal arch of the skull. In bears the vertical thickness of these chambers or sinuses increases with age until the bear is probably fifteen or twenty years old, after which it decreases somewhat. In the adult males of some species it is more than an inch in vertical height above the anterior part of the brain case so that bullets might pass through it in several directions without killing the animal.

I think your guides were right in the belief that if a side or quartering shot were available the butt of the ear would be the surest shot to reach the brain. This, however, would damage the skull considerably for which reason I have usually recommended neck shots. A shot aimed a little above the middle of the neck just behind the back of the skull is almost certain to hit one of the cervical vertebrae injuring the spine so that the animal is paralyzed if not killed outright.

I have no bear skulls here at Lagunitas and therefore regret

that I am unable to answer positively your question as to whether an eye shot, the bear looking straight at you, would reach the brain. If my memory serves me correctly, however, the result of the shot would depend a good deal upon whether the bear were above or below the level of the person firing the shot. If the bear were at a lower level so that the bullet would range down, I think it would pass under the brain, and if directed toward the median line would shatter the cervical vertebrae at the base of the neck, thus killing the animal instantly; but if the bear were at a somewhat higher level I am not sure whether the ball would or would not touch the brain. I will answer this question more definitely after examining skulls. In any event, however, you of course realize that a very slight difference in the angle at which the head was held in relation to the hunter would make all the difference in the world as to the exact course of the ball.

I wish to thank you very much for your generous offer to present the skull of your big bear to our national collection and shall look forward with much interest to the privilege of examining it. When you have done with it, kindly have it securely packed to prevent breakage in transit and ship by express, charges collect, addressed to U. S. Biological Survey, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. Kindly tie a tag to the skull, giving your name and also the locality and approximate date of killing of the bear.

Thanking you for your courtesy in the matter, and regretting my inability to give you a more definite answer while still in the field,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

October 31, 1920.

Mr. J. C. Sperry,
2425 Hearst Avenue,
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Mr. Sperry:

Your letter of October 22 awaited my return from a field trip up the northwest coast. I am very glad to hear from you and shall be delighted to meet you and talk over the matter of the preservation of the redwoods along the highway to Humboldt Bay. I have recently made four auto trips along this highway, camping nights in the redwood forests.

I was very glad to learn from Dr. J. C. Merriam that you are actively interested in the preservation of the redwoods along the highway, and that you really are at the helm of the association for this purpose.

Many years ago when visiting the Calaveras Grove with John Muir I had several pleasant and instructive talks with your Father and Sister, both of whom I remember very well.

Just now I am anxious to make two or three more field trips in the North before the bad weather sets in. On returning from these and before leaving for the southern part of the State I will connect with you by letter or phone and try to arrange a meeting. It would be fine if you would motor out here to our summer home at Lagunitas as you suggest.

Wish best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

October 31, 1920.

Mr. John Jonas,
Livingston,
Montana.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of October 11, forwarded from Washington, has just reached me. I find also a memorandum from the Biological Survey to the effect that the skull of the grizzly you mention was received in good condition except for a hole cut in the base of the brain case, probably to aid in extracting the brain. This is most unfortunate, as it materially lessens the value of the skull. However, I will pay you fifteen dollars for it, a check for which amount will be sent you from the Smithsonian before the middle of November.

I am still glad to purchase skulls of adult grizzly bears, though owing to shortage of funds am not able to pay so much for them as formerly.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

C. Hart Merriam

October 31, 1920.

Mr. Lawrence M. Huey,
Ojai, Ventura County,
California.

Dear Mr. Huey:

Your letter of October 15 has been forwarded to me from Washington, but the package of grasses will remain there until my return about the end of the year. I shall then take pleasure in showing them to Dr. Hitchcock for identification -- Dr. Hitchcock being the leading specialist on North American grasses -- and will let you know the result.

I am glad to know that you are making a special point of studying the habits of mammals, particularly details of food habits. This is most important, as our knowledge of habits is at best highly fragmentary.

Vernon Bailey is engaged in work of this kind and during the past season has had a number of species under observation, keeping them in boxes with running wheels and observing food preferences and general habits. He is peculiarly ingenious in inventing catch-'em-alive traps. His address after the middle of November will be Tucson, Arizona, general delivery. He could probably give you valuable hints on this line of work.

I congratulate you on obtaining specimens of Perognathus alticola.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

October 31, 1920.

Mr. Lee R. Dice,
Museum of Zoology,
University of Michigan,
Ann Arbor.

Dear Mr. Dice:

Replying to your letter of Sept. 29, forwarded from Washington, I would say that I shall be glad to send you a set of my mammal papers such as I still have for distribution on my return to Washington about the end of the year.

I am still engaged in field work in California and do not expect to reach Washington until sometime in January.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

October 31, 1920.

Mr. Reginald T. Townsend,
Managing Editor, Country Life,
Garden City, N. Y.

My dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 4, forwarded from Washington, I regret to say that I have no photograph of myself here in California. On my return to Washington about the end of the year I shall be glad to comply with your request.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

October 31, 1920.

Prof. B. W. Evermann,
California Academy of Sciences,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Dr. Evermann:

Many thanks for your letter of the 27th inst. telling me that Mr. Mailliard has put together all the skulls of bears in the Academy collection, and that I may have the privilege of examining them. I am very much obliged to both you and Mr. Mailliard and shall be only too glad to do this at the first opportunity, but I cannot now name the day.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

October 31, 1920.

Mr. Stanley G. Jewett,
Post Office Building,
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Mr. Jewett:

Vernon Bailey, who has just left here for the South, tells me that you have information concerning the so-called dwarf bear of the Oregon lava beds. I am very much interested in this bear, as you doubtless know, and should be thankful for any information you may be willing to give me.

Do you happen to know if any adult specimens, particularly adult skulls, are available for examination; or do you know of anyone likely to be able to secure a specimen? I have a cub, but am very anxious to see skulls of adults, particularly of adult males.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

October 31, 1920.

Mr. R. W. Limbert,
Boise, Idaho.

My dear Sir:

Vernon Bailey of the Biological Survey tells me that a man named Laidlow killed a grizzly in the lava beds of southern Idaho some years ago, and that the skin with skull inside is now mounted as a rug.

Do you happen to know whether the skull is perfect, or whether the back part was cut away? Also at what price the rug with skull inside is held? Do you know just where the bear was killed, and whether it was a male or female, young or old?

Do you think it possible to secure the skull of an adult male grizzly anywhere in southern Idaho, or from any of the mountains of Idaho?

I have secured and turned into the national collection at Washington more than two thousand skulls of bears from North America and am anxious to make the collection as complete as possible.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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October 31, 1920.

Marden
Mrs. W. L. Morrison,
Seneca, Oregon.

Dear Mrs. Morrison:

Knowing that Dr. Morrison knew more than anyone else about the Piutes of the Harney-Malhuer region, and that he left valuable manuscript on the subject, I am taking the liberty to ask if you happen to know their names for Malhuer and Harney Lakes.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Morrison

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October 31, 1920.

Mereden
Mrs. W. L. Morrison,
Seneca, Oregon.

Dear Mrs. Morrison:

Knowing that Dr. Morrison knew more than anyone else about the Piutes of the Harney-Malhuer region, and that he left valuable manuscript on the subject, I am taking the liberty to ask if you happen to know their names for Malhuer and Harney Lakes.

Very truly yours,
Robert Meriden

October 31, 1920.

Mr. George Derby,
National Encyclopedia of American Biography,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letters of Sept. 30 and Oct. 25, would say that it is impracticable for me to supply more than a small fraction of the information asked for at the present time, as I am at present engaged in field work in California, while my journals and records are at my home at Washington D. C.

I am unable to give the pedigree data asked for under question seven, but would refer you to Pope's Biography of the Merriam Family. I might say, however, that my great grandfather was Judge Ela Nathaniel Merriam of Lyden, Lewis County, New York, and my grandfather, General (War of 1812) Ela Merriam of the same place.

The information given in Who's Who in America and American Men of Science is reliable so far as it goes.

I am unable to enumerate off hand the scientific societies of which I am a member in this country and abroad, but in any event would hardly care to do so. I have been president of the Yale Society of Natural History, the Linnæan Society of New York, the Lewis County (New York) Medical Society, the American Ornithologists' Union, the Biological Society of Washington, and am at present president of the Anthropological Society of Washington and the American Society of Mammalogists, and am chairman of the U. S. Geographic Board.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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October 31, 1920

Mr. T. E. Snyder,
Secretary Biological Society,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Snyder:

Today's mail, forwarded from Washington, brings a notice of the meeting of the Biological Society for October 30. In the accompanying printed list of papers published in the proceedings ^{with} are two names of species beginning a capital letter, namely, Ostinops Decumanus and Eurema Lisa.

I assume that this is an error on the part of the printer, not an evidence of total demoralization on the part of the Society. I

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Muniam

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October 31, 1920.

Belcher & Crane,
Eureka,
California.

Dear Sirs:

I have been informed that you carry a large scale detailed map of Humboldt County. What is the price of this map unmounted, and is it printed on more than one sheet? I cannot use it as a wall map, but wish to file it with others.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Muniam

Lagunitas, Calif.
Nov. 2, 1920

Mr W. I. Adams
Accountant, Smithsonian Inst.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr Adams:

Enclosed is my expense account for October, amounting to \$134.77, and a Bear skull voucher of \$15 in favor of John Jonas of Livingston, Montana, which I shall be obliged if you will pay as usual from the Harriman Fund.

Many thanks for your prompt reply to my inquiry as to the balance available for the rest of the year from the Harriman Fund.

I am obliged also for your kindness in writing me about the new deal in regard to apartments in the Northumberland, and I agree with you that no action is necessary on my part as my lease is already executed. The duplicate copy which should have been sent to you was sent to me, and I have it here.

But the present lease expires next September, so the matter really has a serious aspect. If it were only possible for me to be given sufficient room in the Smithsonian or Museum there would be no problem, and the available income would be correspondingly larger.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

C. Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, Marin Co., Calif.

October Expense account

1920			
Oct. 1	Sausalito to San Francisco & return		30
	San Francisco, meals & street car fares	2	25
5	Ferry to San Francisco & return .30; Meals 1.80	2	10
15	Ferry to San Francisco & return 30; Meals 1.70	2	00
18	Trip to Berkeley Museum & Oakland & ret. Fare	1	88
	Meals 2.00; Gasoline 2.65; oil .25	4	90
20	Publications, Univ. Calif Press on Anthropology	1	8 80
	Trip to Korbelt & Trinidad Head, Oct. 22-28:		
22	Fare, San Rafael to Eureka (NW Pacific RR)	15	55
	Eureka to Arcata .42; Meals & Porter 2.25	2	67
23	Room, Arcata Hotel	2	00
	Breakfast 1.00; Stage to Korbelt .54	1	54
	Stage, Korbelt to Blue Lake & return		30
	Pd Ned Woodward (Indian) 3.00; another Indian 1.00	4	00
24	Korbelt Hotel, Room & board	3	4 25
	Stage, Korbelt to Blue Lake 15; Blue Lake to Arcata 40		55
	Pd Frank Lowry, Indian 3; Meals 2.	5	00
25	Hotel Arcata, Room	4	2 00
	Stage, Arcata to Trinidad Head		81
	Pd Mrs M. Ward, Indian (for 2 languages, vocabs.)	4	00
26	Pd Liza Nererner & daughter, Indians	5	25
	Pd Mrs M. Ward, Indian		50
27	Pd Liza Nererner & daughter, Indians	4	50
	Hotel Trinidad, Room & board Oct 25-27	5	7 00

27	Stage, Trinidad to Eureka		1 35
	Supper Eureka		1 00
28	Hotel Vance, Eureka, Room	6	2 50
	Meals, 2.25; Fare, Eureka to San Rafael 15.55		17 80
	Livery, night drive San Rafael to Lagunitas		5 00
30	Pd Piute girl (Mamie Johnny) for Vocab material		1 50
	Northern Piute Luis		5 00
31	Georgia D. Lea, services stenographer & expenses	7	10 57
	Postage 1.20; Paste & ink .70		1 90
	Florence Johnson, Cleaning Office (Northumberland)	8	5 00
	Janitor, Northumberland, thro Miss Clemence		1 00

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One hundred, thirty four seventy seven

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C. Hartman

Nov. 4, 1920

Mr W. I. Adams, Accountant,
Smithsonian Institution.

Dear Mr Adams:

Yesterday, after three and a half months futile effort, I finally succeeded in selling the old car--the Chevrolet Big-6 of 1913. But I got only \$325 for her, and \$200 of this is in the form of promissary notes.

When I first offered her for sale, the middle of July, I asked \$650 for her. Next month I offered to take \$450, as I wrote you on August 17, but could find no purchaser, tho' I tried in Oakland as well as in San Francisco.

So yesterday I accepted \$325--the only offer I have ever had. Of this I paid \$5 cash on account of the battery, leaving \$320 as the actual amount to be divided. Half of this, \$160, I am enclosing herewith, in the form of check on the National Metropolitan Bank of Washington.

Very truly yours,

C. Hartman

Lagunitas, Calif.

Nov. 15, 1920

Dear Miss Clemence:

Thanks for the blank check book, received in the mail this morning. But just why it should take three weeks to get a return from Washington is hard to understand. There was no letter and no statement of account to date, but by adding the items mentioned in your earlier letters I infer that I owe you \$11.30, a check for which is enclosed herewith, as per accompanying memorandum. The electric bill you sent the previous month was for \$3. for current from July 23 to Sept. 15; while the present bill of \$1. is for current from August 23 to Sept. 15--an obvious error of duplication or overlapping on the part of the Company.

Since writing you from Trinidad I have made another surprisingly successful trip, securing vocabularies from both Eahto and Oo-ko-kon-til-kah. Expected to be in the field now, but the sudden coming of heavy rains--which have continued now for a week--prevented. Am still hoping for a clear-up so I can make two more trips north before heading south. But at this season the weather is mighty uncertain.

Have you still outstanding enough Mission Records work to keep you busy till the end of the year?

Very truly yours,

Miss Stella Clemence
The Northumberland
Washington, D.C.

Nov. 21, 1920

Mr F. Kermode
 Director, Provincial Museum,
 Victoria, British Columbia.

Dear Mr Kermode:

Your letter of October 26 has been forwarded to me from Washington, as I am still in the field--though recent and present rains are likely to drive me in shortly.

No, the Botanical volumes of the Harriman Alaska series have not yet been published. Before I left Washington Mr Coville told me that he expected to have them ready during the summer.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Nov. 21, 1920

Dr Charles D. Walcott,
 Secretary, Smithsonian Institution,
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Walcott:

Thanks for your letter of the 9th instant in regard to the matter of rooms. I am not at all surprised at what you say about the already overcrowded condition of the Smithsonian and National Museum buildings, since for years I have been familiar with the complaints of the various Curators that they were badly in need of more space.

At the same time it is a pity that more than a thousand dollars of the Harriman Fund must be spent in a single year for room-rent alone when the work in hand is handicapped for money.

During the season now coming to a close I have had rather remarkable success in locating and working with the last remnants of several tribes I had not before encountered. Two of these are now represented by only a single survivor. I traveled more than four hundred miles in search of one of these without finding him, but got him on the next trip. Another was an old woman for whom I crossed two mountain ranges in rain and mud. But I finally got her and she was pure gold!

I now have vocabularies and distribution maps--some of which need correcting and amplifying--of all the linguistic stocks and distinct tribes known to exist in California and Nevada, more than 100 in number. This was not done in a day but is a result of thirty years of field work.

Very truly yours,

Nov. 21, 1920

Dear Professor Davis:

On returning to my summer home at Lagunitas a short time ago, after a successful bit of field work in the northern part of California, I received your letter of October 16, forwarded from Washington.

You are right in feeling that Gilbert and I had many interesting talks during the nineteen years of his life with us, but offhand I do not recall anything suitable for your purpose.

However, Mrs Merriam and my daughters and I will keep the matter in mind, hoping to recall something appropriate.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Prof. W. M. Davis
31 Hawthorn Street
Cambridge, Mass.

Nov. 21, 1920

Mr James L. Clark
1160 Southern Blvd.
Bronx, New York.

Dear Mr Clark:

Mr E. Mallinckrodt of St Louis writes me that you have the skull of the big he bear killed by him on Alaska Peninsula, which he has been generous enough to present to our National collection. I shall be obliged therefore if you will kindly ship the skull, at your convenience (no particular hurry), addressed U.S. Biological Survey, Dept. Agriculture, Washington, D.C. (Charges collect). Please attach a tag to the skull stating that it is from Mr Mallinckrodt.

I am still engaged in field work in California but expect to return to Washington about or before the end of the year.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Nov. 21, 1920

Dear Mr Mallinckrodt:

Returning from another field trip, I found your letter of October 27 awaiting attention. As you see from this, I am still in California and unless driven out by the rains--which have been very heavy of late--may stay till near the end of the year.

I appreciate your generosity in presenting the skull of your big he bear to our National collection and shall examine and measure it with great interest--and will then write you about the size. Am now writing James L. Clark about sending it.

And I am interested also in the skull of the mother of the two cubs of which you speak. Examination of this skull should settle the identity of the cubs--whether gyas or kidderi.

When you are in Washington I think you might be interested to look at our wonderful collection of Bear skulls, now numbering upwards of two thousand. This season we have received some very important additions, including a number from Alaska, British Columbia, New Mexico and a few other regions.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr E. Mallinckrodt,
St. Louis, Mo.

Nov. 21, 1920

Dear J.C.:

We all were glad to hear from you and to know that you were located for the winter so near our place. And we were also glad to learn that you have a new model Buick 7-passenger car. This will enable you to escape the bad air in overcrowded street cars and at the same time tempt you to take time for drives in the parks and surrounding country when the weather is fair--as it is a good part of the time at Washington, even in winter.

I have kept on my job rather steadily and have already driven the new Chevrolet Baby Grand more than 3600 miles. The rains came unexpectedly early this year and I was caught on steep mountain grades in slippery mud before putting the chains aboard.

During the past 12 days more than a foot of rain has fallen at Lagunitas, 5.55 inches of which came down on a single day.

Every morning when home I chop down and cut up 2 or 3 trees for fireplace fuel--good exercise for an old man!

We did not expect to return east before the end of the year, but if the rains continue it will hardly pay to stay, as I am too old to enjoy camping in rain and cold.

Elizabeth and Zenaida join in love to you all, not forgetting the boys.

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dr. J. C. Merriam
President, Carnegie Institution
Washington, D. C.

Nov. 22, 1920

Prof. T. H. Morgan
Stanford University, Calif.

Dear Professor Morgan:

Your letter of October 23, with list of nominations from the Section of Zoology of the National Academy, came while I was in the field. I am returning the list with my preferences checked.

When we met in Washington last spring I expressed the hope that you would find time to run up to our place at Lagunitas, and I still hope you may be able to do so before we return east. I am in the field a good deal of the time, but the man at the Lagunitas phone always knows whether or not we are at home.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Nov. 23, 1920

Dear Mr Law:

We all were very glad to hear from you and Mrs Law and to learn that you reached home without skid or other mishap. But we were surprised to hear that you passed out of the rain at San Rafael. With us it continued the rest of the day and all night, as usual. And with the exception of one day it continued till yesterday. All told, more than a foot of water fell, and on Wednesday last the fall was 5.55 inches by the Postmaster's rainage.

We certainly did enjoy your little visit and hope it may be repeated another year. It would be better all round if we field naturalists could get together oftener, informally--I hate public meetings.

The book Mrs Law was so kind and thoughtful as to send us was so horribly thrilling that it destroyed completely our record for early bedtime--but we all enjoyed it all the same.

At both ends of the day now I am chopping down and up trees--mostly tanbarks--for firewood, averaging about 8 per day.

With kind regards to Mrs Law, and to all in the Museum,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr J. Eugene Law
Museum Vertebrate Zoology
Berkeley, California.

Lagunitas, Calif.
Nov. 23, 1920

Mr Edward Wall
Hall of Records
San Bernardino, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 10th inst., forwarded from Washington, would state that I am not purchasing specimens of mammals except skulls of Grizzly Bears.

I am referring your letter to the Chief of the U.S. Biological Survey. The price you ask strikes me as exceptionally high.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Harrison

Nov. 28, 1920

World Book Company
Yonkers, N.Y.
M.A. Purcell, Esq.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 22d inst., forwarded from Washington, would say that the Harriman Estate will grant the permission asked for, to reproduce the illustration of a Fur-Seal family facing page 96 of vol. I of the Harriman Alaska series.

There is a difficulty however in obtaining access to the original. If the photograph were taken by myself, the negative is in the U.S. Biological Survey at Washington, and the necessary permission may be obtained from Dr E. W. Nelson, Chief. But if taken by anyone else, it would be very difficult to locate. Not having a copy of the book here (in California) I am unable to determine this point.

I am glad you are going to reproduce the story of Matka and Kotek as I have always regarded it as a peculiarly beautiful tale of Fur-Seal life, full of the spirit of the misty and mystic Islands. I have given a number of copies to young people at Christmas time and notwithstanding its rather sad tone it has always been read with more than usual interest.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Harrison

Dec. 1, 1920

Dear Doctor Stephens:

You certainly gave us all a great treat Thanksgiving day-- from that splendid turkey to the new game in the basement. And it was a great and pleasant change from quiet Lagunitas.

Alice Eastwood came Saturday afternoon and spent Sunday with us, and got about 16 species of mushrooms. And Sperry came Monday to talk about the Redwoods along the Eel River highway.

But it keeps on raining here, quietly but none the less wet. We think it must stop, or at least hold up for a little while, soon. It knocks out my field trips completely, of course.

We hope you had a good trip to your Orange vineyard and found everything satisfactory.

You kindly offered to send me that 20 gallon oil tank. Please don't: It is a little too big for my garage, and I find that I can get a small one at some of the wrecking places in the City. I saw a dozen or more the morning I left you.

We are looking for the Stephens family Saturday for the week end and hope nothing will happen to prevent you all from coming. Unfortunately, we have no canoes for Bruce to sail in, and no ducks for him to shoot, but plenty of beautiful woods and moss and ferns. We trust the rain will all be down by then!

I think every day of the wonderful duck show you took us to see Thanksgiving day. It is almost unbelievable that so many kinds have learned that men are safe in cities and parks.

With love to you all from all of us--till Saturday.
Dr W.B. Stephens, Alameda.

Dec. 1, 1920

Roll Stephens, Esq.
Craig, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of Nov. 12 reached me today, forwarded from Washington.

The real Passenger Pigeon (Ectopistes migratorius) is a bird of the Eastern United States and is believed to be extinct. It has a pointed tail.

The common Pigeon of Colorado, Arizona, California and the west coast region generally is called the Band-tail Pigeon (Columba fasciata). It has a square tail, with a pale band across near the end. It is still common, and I see a few nearly every day here at my place in California.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart

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Dec. 2, 1920

Hon J. A. Johnston
Warden, San Quentin, Calif.

Dear Mr. Johnston:

May I again have the privilege of getting vocabulary material from some of the Indians in your prison?

If so, will you kindly let me know what localities are represented by those at present in the prison?

Very truly yours,

C. H. Johnson

Dec. 2, 1920

Mr F. V. Coville
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr Coville:

Your letter of Nov. 16 is most encouraging. It is good to know that you, as Chairman of the Committee on Research of the National Geographic Society, have accomplished what I have urged in vain for many years--namely, the decision to publish a series of Research papers, distinct from the Magazine, to provide for the technical results of the Society's doings. This surely is an accomplishment worthy of congratulation.

Replying to your specific questions, my judgment is:

1. That the Memoirs should be numbered consecutively, each beginning with page 1, as in the case of the Proceedings of the Washington Academy of Sciences.
2. That the size of the page agree with that of the Proceedings or the Journal of the Academy--in other words that it be large octavo. Personally, I like the page of the Proceedings, which I adopted after much study.
3. That the text be in single column. To justify double column would mean quarto--an inconvenient size, hardly called for except in the case of very large illustrations.
4. That the type be essentially that of the Proceedings of the Academy, leaded for technical matter, not leaded for introductory and popular matter.
5. That both plates and text figures be allowed; details left to Editor.

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To these 5 paragraphs I should add a 6th, to the effect that footnotes should NOT be printed in very small type but in readable type, solid(not lead), and that quoted matter be in same type as body of text, but solid if in blocks.

Dont know when we shall return, but probably the latter part of this month. We are having very heavy rains now, interfering with my terminal field work. So far have driven my car about four thousand miles this season and have gathered a large amount of material--ethnologic, zoologic, and botanic, including some extra fine manzanitas!

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dec. 10, 1920

Mr C. S. Sloane, Sec'y
U.S. Geographic Board,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr Sloane:

The enclosed letters have been forwarded to me from Washington. Can you answer them?

We are having a remarkably rainy fall--23.56 inches to date. This has delayed the completion of my field work, although I have driven my car more than 4 thousand miles and have made one important pack-outfit trip.

I expect to be in Washington in time for the next Board meeting.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dec. 10, 1920

Mr J. Eugene Law
Museum Vertebrate Zoology
Berkeley, California.

Dear Mr Law:

Replying to your letter of the 3d inst.:

The affairs and business of the National Geographic Society are in the hands of a Board of Managers the members of which are arranged in three groups, one of which is elected each year, so that at least two thirds of the members have served at least one year.

For twenty years or more the matter of dividing the membership at large into two classes--technical and popular--has been brought up for consideration, but so far as I am aware has never been done. While such a division would have certain advantages, it would inevitably suffer the disadvantages of creating wounded feelings on the part of many members, would be exceedingly difficult of carrying out because of the intrinsic difficulty of drawing hard and fast lines--lines that would keep out Smith and take in Jones--and because such a procedure was deemed unAmerican.

Yesterday afternoon we had a roaring thunder storm with a gale of wind and a deluge of water--1 1/2 inches in a little over an hour. To date Lagunitas has had over 23 inches this fall.

With kindest regards from us all to Mrs Low and her husband, Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dec. 16, 1920

My dear Miss Breeze:

I have a sister who can ask more questions in ten minutes than a man can answer in ten days. But you can ask one question which a man cannot answer in ten days!

I have waded through most of the Indian material that is here in my Lagunitas office and have dug out a lot of names of boys and girls, most of which obviously are unfit for use in the naming of white children. But if you find one that strikes you as available, I will tell you the name of the tribe from which it was obtained... The meaning of the names is in most cases unknown to me. The list is enclosed herewith.

Please give my kindest regards to Miss Arnold of Sherman.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Miss Rita Green Breeze
679 South Rampart Street
Los Angeles, California.

NAMES OF CALIFORNIA INDIANS OF VARIOUS TRIBES
Collected by C. Hart Merriam

BOYS

Al-al-cha
Dolly-kentil-lah-mah
Ga-wah-ter
Ho-ko-lum
Hen-yup-che
Hod-yum-ha-yum
Hum-mul
Huntel-up
Kah-wowl
Ke-wo-to
Le-pon-so
Lotch-kum
Me-kwin
Me-tok
Nah-te-ho-le
No-te-za
No-val-to
No-yup-che
Nor-pak-kah
O'l-we-te-le
Pan-te-yup-che
Po-ke-bro
Po-tol
Pul-low-oc
Pum-muk-ky
So-no-ma
So-pin-nits
Soc-me-ah-che
Tap-pou-sen
Tse-gab-ba
War-rote
Wi'tch-a-wah
Wo-ho-nitch
Yah-hass'
Yu-poc-nah

GIRLS

Che-nah-wah
Chil-bully
Ger-ke-er
Ho-wuk-me
Kal-te-nah (South Spanish)
Ka-wah-mer
Koo-rah
Ko-yo-he-ne-va
Me-cher-rus-o-ma
Mem-chard-der
Os-lok-o-ma
Nor-pak-ka
Pod-se-yu-na
Ro-de
Sak-ka-ah
Ta-wes-met
Wi-ken-ho-el-ly

Dec. 16, 1920

Mr E. Mallinckrodt, Jr.

St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr Mallinckrodt:

Very many thanks for your kindness and trouble in writing to Clark and Margatroyd about those Bear skulls. I now expect to return to Washington about the 10th of January, and look forward to the pleasure of examining your skulls as soon as I get my house open.

And I am glad to know that I may look forward to the satisfaction of going over our collection with you at some time during the winter.

It is fine that you have photographs of live Brown Bear taken by you on the Peninsula. They are of great value. We have lots of pictures of recently killed Bear on the ground, but mighty few of the living animals.

Replying to your inquiry: I should advise sending them to Col. McGuire, Editor of Outdoor Life, Denver, accompanied by an article telling about them and your interesting experiences.

Very truly yours,

C. Hartman

Dec. 17, 1920

Dr. Walter P. Taylor
Biological Station
La Jolla, Calif.

Dear Doctor Taylor:

Your letter of the 14th instant has this day arrived, and the previous one forwarded from Washington has also come.

My notes on Mount Rainier are in one of my safes in Washington, and therefore inaccessible just now. But I can give you from memory the essential features of the itinerary, except as to dates.

Bailey and I, with a light pack outfit, crossed the Cascades from Yakima to Longmire Springs by way of the upper or north Cowlitz Pass (in a general way), losing the trail by reason of its obliteration by sheep. We followed Naches River and visited Tumtum Lake. After much hard climbing, in the course of which one of our pack animals fell over backward and down a steep slope, we reached the west side and struck the upper part of Cowlitz River. Following the Cowlitz down over Aplodontia-honeycombed country we struck north and climbed the high ridge between the Cowlitz and Nisqually, descending to Longmire, whence we climbed to Paradise Park. After working here a while we descended to the Nisqually and followed it down to the home of old Professor Allen, whence we turned back and climbed to Indian Henry Hunting Ground, our last collecting base on the mountain.

I never heard of Grizzlies in the Mount Rainier region but have a skull from the upper Skagit, and have seen a skin from the Lake Chelan country.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

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Dec. 17, 1920

Hon. William J. Harris
United States Senate.

My dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 8th instant, forwarded from Washington, would say that the Griffin and Spalding County Board of Trade is mistaken in thinking that the U.S. Geographic Board conducts aeronautic or other surveys. The duties of the Board are rather sharply restricted to the fixing of geographic names.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam
Chairman, U.S. Geographic Board.

Lagunitas, Calif.
Dec. 18, 1920

Dear Miss Clemence:

Herewith I am enclosing check for \$8.58 in reimbursement of amount expended by you in November, and another of \$10 on account of December expenses.

The Underwood bid of \$15.50 for repairing their own machine strikes me as big swindle, but unless you can find another repair man to do it, suppose we will have to stand it. There is a type-writer repair company on Capitol Hill, but I forget the firm name. Maybe you can find it in the Directory. There should be several such places in Washington.

We have as yet no definite plans for returning but incline to think we shall reach Washington early in January.

Very truly yours,

E. Hart

Miss Stella Clemence
The Northumberland
Washington, D.C.

Dec. 31, 1920

Mrs Estelle Barfield
Merced, Calif.

My dear Mrs Barfield:

Two or three weeks ago Professor Evermann sent me six small beads from Yuba County, and asked me to write you about them.

As I know nothing whatever of their history I am at a disadvantage. However, the four colored ones appear to be old-fashioned porcelain beads, such as were used in trading with Indians in early days. The two white or whitish ones I am not sure about.

If you have any information about their history I should be glad to hear from you.

Very truly yours,

Carl H. Merriam

Lagunitas, Calif.
Jan. 5, 1921

Dear E. W.:

Yours of Dec. 28 came last evening and was most welcome to the entire family. It is a long time since we have had any news worth mentioning from Washington and we are glad to know what you tell us.

I congratulate you that you are done with the Appropriations Committee so early in the winter, though I realize that the present arrangement is less favorable than the old. But I am surprised to hear you call the Hearing "an ordeal". For me it always was a dreaded ordeal, but for you I imagined it peaches and cream!

No, we are not going to stay here several weeks yet; in fact we have already begun to pack and H O P E to pull out in a week or at most ten days. There are lots of terminal things to do here this year. For instance: for the first time we ran out of cut wood which means that the old man has had to chop a lot of trees and saw and split and pack in.

I kept on in field work till driven home by the heavy rains of November, since which I've been vainly hoping for a let-up so I could finish a job or two in the north. But it's no use for it rains most of the time and the roads off from the highways are in no condition for a well-bred car. Besides, camping in the rain for people of our age does'nt seem to work out very satisfactorily.

Perhaps you do'nt know that right here at Lagunitas we have already had more than 33 inches of rainfall this winter--about 3 times as much as at San Francisco. And since I never did like wading or skidding in the mud, I've given it up and am closing for the trip east.

Give our love to the Sheldons when you see them and tell Mrs S. that I'm hoping for the pleasure of a cup of tea with her before long. And those dear children: we all wish we could see them out here among the redwoods and madrones before they get too big to enjoy the fun.

Hope Wetmore will turn down Asia. His loss to the Survey would be a misfortune.

Glad Uncle Henry is flourishing. Suppose he went to Woods Hole as usual in the summer.

Boys and girls and some full-grown men have been spearing salmon in our little San Geronimo creek below the house. I called it "little" because that is its normal condition summers, but since the middle of November it has been a roaring raging torrent that we hear night and day from the house.

For weeks past--perhaps a couple of months--our commonest birds about the place and throughout the forest have been Oregon Robins (Hesperocichla), Hermit Thrushes, and Juncos.

We rejoice to know that your mother has had her nose operated on and has made a complete recovery. Give her the love of all three of us. We shall see her soon. Same to you.

As ever, yours,

E. W. Nelson

Dr E. W. Nelson
Washington, D.C.

Logan Canby, Calif.
Jan. 5, 1921.

Dear Grinnell:

Thanks for your good letter of December 29, just received. We often think of you, and I should have written to tell you about the season's work, but have had no stenographer.

I have been mighty fortunate this season in picking up vanishing remnants, and had planned a couple of months more of active field work when caught by the rains. At first they were hailed with joy--just what the country needed--but when they kept on day after day and week after week, with just a little sunshine between times, camping in the field lost its charms and we stayed home and waited--for the general clear-up that never came.

And now we are beginning to do the terminal things preparatory to starting for Washington.

We all are pained to learn that Mrs Grinnell has been so ill, but rejoice that she is now well again.. Sorry we shall not be in Washington in time to see her.

I am not surprised at what you tell me about the attempt to push irrigation headquarters into Yellowstone Park. Several members of the House Committee on Appropriations were in favor of it when I met them in Yosemite early last July.

You will be glad to know that I have finally succeeded in obtaining vocabularies (first hand of course) from all the linguistic stocks and all the principal tribes of California and Nevada. Years ago I learned to ask old Indians about Indians speaking different languages, and by this means have located last remnants of several tribes believed to be extinct. Have had some pretty tough trips to get at some of them, but it has paid. Will tell you all about it when I see you, which I hope will be soon.

Elizabeth and Zenaida join in love to you both.

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Jan. 7, 1921

Mr W. I. Adams, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution.

Dear Mr Adams:

For some time I have been intending to write you concerning the half-and-half arrangement adopted by me in paying certain automobile expenses:

In the case of both cars--the original Chevrolet big-6 purchased in 1913, and the Chevrolet "Baby-Grand" purchased last July--half the cost was charged against the Harriman Fund and half paid by me personally. I did this in order that I might feel free to use the car at times for family purposes. And in 1915 (Exposition year) I used the old car several times to take parties of visiting scientific men on drives in this region. Apart from this and a few trips of my family to Sausalito ferry or San Francisco, and a few trips to a dairy last year for milk, neither car has been used for personal purposes. During the present year for example, the new car has been driven 4072 miles to date, of which 176 were personal and 3896 official. And I have paid personally for much more gas than used on personal trips.

All permanent equipment I have paid for half-and-half, but repairs and garage charges on official trips I have charged to the fund.

In sending you \$160 on November 4 as half the sale price of the old car, I forgot to state that the purchaser was S. H. Powell of the Keystone Garage, 843 Mission Street, San Francisco. He has not yet made the final payment.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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Jan. 7, 1921

Mr W. I. Adams, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr Adams:

Enclosed is my expense account for November, amounting to \$122.23, and a voucher for services of Miss Zenaida Merriam amounting to \$17.50, which kindly pay from the Harriman Fund as usual.

Please send checks to the Northumberland, as I expect to reach Washington in ten days or so.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

For the past six weeks the rainfall here has been bountiful to excess, no less than 34 inches having fallen to date. This has prevented me from finishing the field work planned, and as the rains still continue I am doing a little work with Indians at San Quentin prison (33 mile drive), after which I expect to return at once to Washington. — *C. Hart Merriam*

C. Hart Merriam

Northumberland Apt., Washington, D.C.

Expense Account for November, 1920

1920			
Nov. 3	1 Leader Lock attached to automobile, \$18.50	1 Half	9 25
5-8	Auto trip to Kahto Valley Indians:		
	Gasoline \$5; oil .95		5 95
	Presents for Indians (knife, beads, tobacco)		1 50
	Pd Indians: Mrs Martinez Bell \$4; her mother 1;		5 00
	Tony Ootontilka \$4.		4 00
	Meals 3 days, Nov 5-7 incl. @ \$1.25		3 75
8	Palace Hotel, Ukiah: Room	2	2 00
	Meals 1.50; Garage, car over night .50		2 00
10-11	Fare, Lagunitas-Alameda & return		2 44
	Meals 2.75; Street cars 35		3 10
11	Thayer Garage. October gas, oil, tube &c.	3	20 06
11	Howell Bookstore: Wagner, Plains & Rockies	4	10 00
19-20	Fare, Sausalito-San Francisco & return		30
	Street cars .40; Fountain pens repaired 1.50		1 90
	Room, Cartwright Hotel	5	3 00
	Meals 3.75		3 75
20	Edward Denny & Co Maps	6	12 65
26	Telegram to W.I. Adams, Smithsonian Inst.		1 30
	10 gallons gas, San Rafael		2 70
	Marsh & Co. Nov films & photo work	7	21 51
	Nov. Postage		2 10
	Northumberland Office: Nov. Charwoman 5;	8	5 00
	Janitor 1; soap 32; oil 50		1 82
	Catholic Historical Review for July		1 00
			122 33
			126.08

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Jan. 7, 1921

Mr W. C. Henderson,
U.S. Biological Survey
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr Henderson:

Your letter of Dec. 16, addressed to me at the Northumberland Apartment, Washington, has been forwarded to me here.

Many thanks for the card of Dr W.H. Chase of Cordova, Alaska and the information as to when he killed his big bear. I will write him at once.

Am expecting to return to Washington in the near future.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

P.S. Since writing above I have looked up Bear data and find that the skull of the big bear killed by Dr Chase on Hinchinbrook Island is now in Washington, awaiting my return! Thanks all the same.

Jan. 7, 1921

Mr Edward A. Preble
U.S. Biological Survey
Washington, D.C.

Dear Preble:

Many thanks for your letter dated Dec. 17, about the Bear skulls that came in after your letter of mid-summer. Am most glad to have this long-looked-for information; it will be of much assistance when I go over the skulls in the near future--as I am now closing work here and expect to set out for Washington in about a week.

Have had to postpone till next season several field trips because of the almost constant rains. So far this fall and winter we have had over 34 inches of rainfall at Lagunitas!

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Jan. 11, 1921

Lieut. E.T. Adney
153 Sydenham Street
Kingston, Ontario, Canada.

My dear Lieut. Adney:

Your interesting letter of the 1st instant has just come to hand, having been forwarded from Washington. You certainly have had many unusual experiences and I am glad to know that you have made such a hit with your battlefield models.

But unfortunately I do not at present know of any opening for even a man of your ability and training. The fund under which I am operating is so small that I had to let my stenographer go last spring, and most if not all the museums are hard pressed for funds this year. Should I learn of anything will of course let you know.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Jan. 11, 1921

Dr Joseph Grinnell
Director, Museum Vertebrate Zoology
Berkeley, California.

Dear Dr. Grinnell:

Is the enclosed salamander Batrachoseps attenuatus? It is the commonest species here under logs, and looks a good deal like our common eastern Plethodon, only more slender.

We were much disappointed that you and your family could not spend a week end with us at Lagunitas before the heavy rains began, and trust that the children are completely recovered before this. For the past two months we have rarely had more than a couple of good days between rains, as a result of which our roads are very muddy and slippery. The seasons rainfall here to date is upwards of 34 inches--nearly 3 times that of San Francisco.

I hope to see you all at the Museum before starting east next week.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

P.S. Regret that I did not receive the notice in time to go to hear Prof. Waterman's talk on the 9th of Dec. The card was not mailed in Berkeley till 5.30 PM on Dec. 8, and therefore of course could not reach me till the thing was over.

Jan. 12, 1921

Mr A. G. Patchelder
Editor, Am. Motorist.

Dear Mr Patchelder:

Why not reform? Hundreds of good Californians receive a distinct shock with the appearance of each number of the Motorist because the splendid name of their glorious State is degraded by the abbreviation "Cal."--which may stand for calico, calomel, or even less dignified substances. Why not adopt the official Government abbreviation of "Calif." which carries the feeling of the name California, which is urgently recommended by the Post Office Department and established by the Government Geographic Board?

I have had a long and successful field season in California, traversing many of the splendid State highways, and also several high ways that were not at all splendid, and am now about to return to Washington.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

Jan. 12, 1921

Mr D. V. Nicholson
Editor MOTOR LAND
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sir:

It is always a pleasure to receive a new number of MOTOR LAND, but the pleasure is somewhat marred by the oft-repeated use of the undignified and meaningless abbreviation "Cal."--which may be interpreted Calomel or Caloric--instead of Calif. for the most glorious State in the Union.

"Calif." is the form urgently recommended by the Post Office Department, and is the official abbreviation established by the Government Geographic Board; and furthermore carries the feeling of the splendid name California. Why not stick to it?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

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Jan. 13, 1921

Miss Stella Clemence
The Northumberland Apt.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Miss Clemence:

Your letter with statement of December account came several days ago, for which thanks. I will not send in the account till I reach Washington.

Thanks also for paying our Water rent(\$5.39).

I seem to owe you \$13.64. To cover this and incidentals that may have arrived since, I am enclosing check for \$20.

Hope you have had the Underwood machine put in good order, so it will be ready for action when I arrive.

Of late, in spite of the rains (over 35 inches to date), I have been obtaining splendid material from an old Indian from Potter Valley, Mendocino County.

We are now packing and expect to start on the 19th inst.

Very truly yours,

C. Hartman

Jan. 15, 1921

Mr W. W. Watson
Spreebles Bldg.
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr Watson:

For some weeks I have been hoping to see you Sundays, but fear you do not care for Lagunitas in winter.

I wanted to walk over our roads with you to point out places where tons of earth have been gradually washed out until now the roadbed is BELOW the level of the side ditch! From Rizen's hill westerly for some distance water has been pouring over (across) the road for more than two months--ever since the heavy rains of the middle of November. And there are numerous other stretches nearly as bad. Some of these places are so slippery as to be mighty near the danger line for passing cars. I don't mean for two cars to pass one another, but for a car to keep in the road.

Several times I have spoken to Martinelli about this, but he seems to be too busy with his fern or huckleberry work to give the roads any attention, and I have been obliged to bring in a man from Woodacre to fix my own road.

So much earth and gravel has been washed away that we are rapidly approaching--if not already arrived at--a condition that will cost several hundred dollars to restore. The present condition is not creditable to the intelligence of the people of Lagunitas, and it is a positive injury not only to those of us who live here, but also by giving the place a bad name so that visitors are afraid to come here.

If Martinelli will not keep the roads from washing away, and if there is no one else at Lagunitas to do the work, why not get a man from outside--as I have been obliged to do?

The question naturally arises, What are we paying money into the Treasury of our Club for if not to keep the roads in order?

What has become of our Road committee?

The present policy seems to be to shut both eyes to the steady constant road wash and waste that is going on all the time throughout the winter, and then in the spring spend a few dollars in repairing what is left of the sunken roadbed. This means that we are piling up trouble and expense for the near future.

It seems hardly worth while to say that first of all the roads should be properly drained to prevent further wash, and that the draining should be followed by replacing the lost material as rapidly as possible. At present a great deal of gravel is needed.

Your place is so far down the slope that I fear you do not realize what has taken place on the upper roads.

Very truly yours,

C. H. Martinelli

Jan. 15, 1921

Dear Professor Davis:

Your letter of Dec. 31 has been forwarded to me from Washington.

There are some things a fellow would much rather talk than write about, particularly when they relate to a third person now no longer among the living.

Gilbert rarely said anything about his religious views, and still more rarely of his personal family relations. But having him a member of our family for about nineteen years, certain of his mental attitudes of course became evident. For instance it seemed obvious that he had no belief in any kind of a "God", or in a future existence. His keen analytical mind held no room for belief in supernatural things or causes. His religion was "THE GOLDEN RULE."

He always spoke of his wife and family in terms of kindly affection. He seemed particularly fond of the little daughter who died, leaving a deep hole in his heart. Mrs Gilbert was an invalid the latter years of her life.

We here in the redwoods have been having a very wet fall and winter--upwards of 35 inches of rainfall to date.

I am packing to return to Washington for the remainder of the winter.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

Prof. H. M. Davis
31 Hawthorn Street
Cambridge, Mass.

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Dear Doctor Walcott:

Thanks for your letter of the 3d instant, enclosing copy of a letter from the late Theodore Roosevelt dated Paris, April 21, 1910. I appreciate what you say, and it almost makes me shudder to think of the fate of much of Professor Marsh's work, especially since I have so much material that it will be impossible to publish during my lifetime. But our cases are not exactly parallel, except in so far as delays arising from lack of material. Besides, I have (perhaps unfortunately) many more interests--mammals, birds, reptiles, plants, certain problems in evolution (as protective coloration), the geographic distribution of life, and certain aspects of ethnology. I am doing some work along all of these lines all the time. But in concentrating on one or the other I am governed largely by what I consider sound principles--giving precedence to the collection of vanishing data, and to work that I can do (by reason of long training) better perhaps than anyone else. For instance, for some years I have been obtaining from old Indians--remnants of vanishing tribes--much information not previously secured and which would otherwise be lost to the world. Much of this relates to the early history of our country--to the boundaries of different peoples and the sites of their former villages. And in addition to this I am constantly obtaining material in the fields of ethno-zoology and ethno-botany which not only has never before been secured but which also is fast disappearing and can not be obtained by any other living person. I do not say this boastingly but simply to record a fact.

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For you must realize that my life-long training in the study of geographic distribution has made it necessary for me to know most of the species of mammals, birds, reptiles, and trees and shrubs--besides hundreds of other plants--of the western parts of America from the Mexican boundary to the Arctic ocean. And since no other ethnologist possesses this knowledge, the others lack the foundation and groundwork for much that I am getting from Indians. Besides, my personal relations with Indians are such that they freely tell me things that few are able to get. But it is already late evening of the day for this kind of work for the reason that the last remnants of many tribes are dropping off every year.

You may be interested to know that after working in the field with California and Nevada Indians for about twenty-five years I have this year succeeded in securing vocabulary and other material from the last of the remaining tribes, so that I now have in my own handwriting, and in a single consistent system of notation, vocabularies and important historic and natural history data from all the linguistic stocks and all the principal tribes of California and Nevada--more than a hundred in number.

Is this not worth doing?

Before coming to Washington in 1885 I had published my 'Birds of Connecticut' (1877) and 'Mammals of the Adirondacks' (1882-1884) and was ambitious to prepare a 'Handbook of the Mammals of North America.' With this object in view (and having saved some money in the practice of medicine and surgery in northern New York), I employed several mammal collectors, securing specimens from the upper Mississippi Valley, the Dakotas, Utah and California. These yielded several new species, which I described. Believing that practically

all the species were then described or in collections I have since described more than 500, besides a number of new genera. I set about writing the descriptions, a genus at a time, for the "Handbook."

Then began a period of unprecedented activity in the collecting and study of mammals, resulting in the discovery of so many new species that I was forced to write all my descriptions over again. During the following years I re-wrote my Handbook three times, and then laid it on the shelf to await the approximate completion of the discovery of new species and the determination of their ranges. That time has hardly yet arrived.

In the meantime I continued studies in the geographic distribution of animals and plants, and began the collection of material to admit of a study of the North American Bears. And at the same time, when in the field, as opportunity offered, collected from Indians a series of vocabularies of the various tribes of California and Nevada, with additional material in the fields of ethnology and ethno-botany, and also data on the early history of the Pacific Coast region. All of these studies have been continued to the present time, and have gone on simultaneously.

It is easy to say that I should have concentrated and published on one, and then taken up another. But the material did not admit of this--it has all been accumulating gradually and at the same time. And I have always had a horror of going off half-cocked--of putting out results that would soon be stale from the accumulation of additional material. And it might be added, if necessary, that at present, and for a couple of years past, publication of anything elaborate was and is out of the question because of the expense.

In fact, all expenses have increased to such a degree that for the past seven months I have had no stenographer except for a

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few Sundays, and have no assistant except Miss Clemence, working on a special job in Washington.

But daylight is breaking ahead and the end of several long-period studies is in sight. I am still in vigorous health and feel reasonably sure of completing some pieces of work that appear to me to be worth while.

Is it better to publish prematurely a lot of half final studies that are bound to become obsolete, or wait till enough material is at hand to admit of authoritative and reasonably final results?

And is it better to concentrate and give one's whole time to the study of material that is constantly increasing and which others can elaborate equally well, or to keep abreast of the situation in matters of this kind and at the same time take advantage of the last opportunity to secure vanishing data of permanent historic and ethnic value which otherwise would be lost forever?

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

P.S.--I expect to reach Washington on the 26th of this month.

Dr Charles D. Walcott
Secretary, Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D.C.

Jan. 16, 1921

Dr B. W. Evermann
Director of the Museum
California Academy of Sciences

Dear Dr. Evermann:

Was sorry not to find you at the Museum yesterday. Expect to try again on Thursday the 20th.

Thanks for writing me about Dr Jordan's birthday. Wish I could go with the rest of you on the 19th but this will be impractical, as I am leaving next day for the East. However, will try to send a telegram, as you suggest.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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Jan. 16, 1921

My dear Mrs Barfield:

Thanks for your letter of the 6th instant about the beads. And the little box of additional beads has just arrived--I feared it had been lost in the mail.

Sorry I can't agree with you about the little one you tied off on the string. It seems to me to be an ordinary white one that has been water-worn with gravel, or possibly burned in the burnings --for a number of them seem to have been burned in the cremations.

I am leaving for Washington this week and will take your beads along and compare them with a lot I have gathered from the cremation grounds. Will return them later.

You ask what I am doing here. Well, I'm continuing field work in natural history and ethnology, and am working with Indians a good deal of the time. Expect to return here next April.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

Mrs Estelle Barfield
Box 281, Merced, Calif.

Washington
January 28, 1921

Mr. W. I. Adams
Disbursing Agent
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Adams:

Herewith I am enclosing my
expense account for the month of December amounting
to \$69.35, and also a voucher to J. W. Scollick
for cleaning 51 bear skulls amounting to \$25,
which I shall be obliged if you will pay from the
Harriman Fund.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

C. Hart Merriam

1919 16th St., Washington, D.C.

Expense account for December, 1920

Dec. 3	Sausalito-San Francisco Ferry & with car		
	Chevrolet Motor Co. Repairs to car	1	2 74
	Meals 1.80; Street car fares 20		6 80
Dec. 7	H.S. Crocker; 1 doz. note book fillers	2	2 00
	Lagunitas-San Francisco by train (return trip)		1 20
	Meals 1.80; Street car fares 30		2 12
Dec. 10	10 gals Gasoline at Lagunitas		2 10
Dec. 26	John Carter Brown Library: 7 photostat prints	3	3 85
Dec. 28	10 gals Gasoline at San Rafael		2 75
	Paid Indian at San Quentin (Vocab. work)		2 00
Dec. 31	Paid Indian at San Quentin (Vocab. work)		2 00
	Marsh & Co. Photo work in December	4	3 37
	Postage for December		1 50
	Magazine subscriptions for 1921:		
	Field & Stream		2 50
	Outdoor Life (2 copies)		5 00
	Office Expenses, Northumberland Apt., Washington:		
	Pot. Electric Power Co., Current Aug. 23-Sept. 23	5	1 00
	" " " " Sept. 23-Oct. 22	6	1 00
	" " " " Oct. 22-Nov. 22	7	1 00
Dec. 8	A.H. Clark: Flack, Hunter's Experience	8	3 50
	Audubon, West Journ. 7.50; postage 17	8	7 67
Dec. 10	Underwood Ribbon Coupon book	9	5 00
	Benj. Donald, Cleaning windows 1.50; Charwoman 5. 10	11	6 50
	Janitor services, Dec.		1 00
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C. Hart Merriam
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January 31, 1921

Mr. W. I. Adams
Disbursing Agent
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Adams:

Herewith I am enclosing my
expense account for the month of January amounting
to \$123.68 along with bills as listed below, which
I shall be obliged if you will kindly pay as usual
from the Harriman Fund.

Leter there will be some bear skull vouchers,
but I have not yet had time to go to the Museum to
examine the skulls.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Library Bureau, Cards	\$14.97
Library Bureau, Cards	3.43
Stockett-Fiske Co., Stationery	5.50
Underwood Typewriter Co., Repairing machine	15.50

C. Hart Merriam

1919 16th Street, Washington, D.C.

Expense account for January, 1921

Jan. 8 Round trip to San Francisco with car (Sausalito Ferry)		2 74
Chevrolet Motor Co. Repairs to car	1	4 70
Meals 2.00; Street cars .20		2 20
11 Paid Indian (John Mewhinny) at San Quentin Prison		2 00
12 " " " " " "		2 00
13 " " " " " "		2 00
10 gals Gasoline at San Rafael		2 75
19 Expressage & insurance, 3 boxes MS, Vocabularies, note books & San Rafael to Washington	2	25 04
20 Baggage out, Lagunitas Fare San Rafael to San Francisco, .42; Baggage SF 25		1 00
Marsh & Co. Photo work (Bill of Jan. 5- Jan. 14)	3	67
Marsh & Co. " " " " " "	4	1 53
Meals 2.00; Street car fares .20		6 60
21 Cartwright Hotel, San Francisco, Room	5	2 20
Sleeper (lower) Oakland, Calif. to Chicago	6	2 50
24 Pullman Porter, Oakland to Chicago .75; to Washn 25	7	25 52
21-24 Meals en route, 4 days @ 3.25		8 91
25 Breakfast en route		1 00
Baggage in, Washington		13 00
		1 00
		65
Subscription, Biological Proc. for 1921		3 00
Yale Press: Grinnell, "When Buffalo Ran"		2 55
January postage		1 12
Potomac Electric Power Co. Current Nov. 22-Dec. 22	8	1 00
Charwoman: Annual housecleaning Office Apt.	9	3 00
Cleaning Office, month of January	9	5 00

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C. Hart Merriam

February 3, 1921

Mr. C. J. Beakes
Law Department
Grand Central Terminal
New York City.

Dear Sir:

This morning's mail brought me a package of business documents including a letter from Capt. Lyon de Camp, Thendara, N.Y., evidently put into the wrong envelope, as I am expecting from him a package of photographs.

The letter and documents I am forwarding to you in a separate envelope by this mail and shall be obliged if you will kindly forward to me the other package.

Very truly yours

E. Hart

February 3, 1921

Prof. A. S. Hitchcock
Bureau of Plant Industry
Washington, D. C.

Dear Professor Hitchcock:

By this mail I am forwarding
to you for identification a package of grasses collected
near Squirrel Inn, San Bernardino Mountains, Calif.
The locality is about a mile east of Strawberry Peak.

The specimens were sent me by L. M. Huey, 2875
Clay Ave., San Diego Calif. They were cut by a species
of pocket mouse, *Perognathus alticola*, which fed upon
their seeds.

Very truly yours,

E. Hart Merriam

February 7, 1921

Hon. John J. Esch, Chairman
Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce
House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 28 concerning the proposed change of name of Grand River in Colorado and Utah to Colorado River, would say that the matter was brought to the attention of the U. S. Geographic Board at its meeting on February 3. No formal action was taken, the Board preferring not to report on the subject until such time as the legislatures of the two States concerned, Colorado and Utah, in case they agree, shall have taken concurrent or similar action in the matter.

It may be stated however that the name Colorado River has been rarely if ever applied to the Grand River branch, while for a long period it was in common use for the Green.

Replying to your inquiry as to precedents, the only case known to me in which Congress has changed the established name of a geographic feature in the United States is that of a river in Minnesota: A joint resolution of the 32nd Congress, 1st Session, approved June 19, 1852

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recites:

"the river in the territory of Minnesota heretofore known as St. Peter's shall be known and designated on the public records as the Minnesota River."

It appears therefore that Congress has been reluctant to change geographic names which by long usage in historical, scientific, legal, and popular publications, and in the geographies and maps of the world, have become firmly established. This also has been the policy of the Geographic Board.

I take pleasure in enclosing a brief historical resume concerning the use of the name Colorado for the Green (prepared by me since the last meeting of the Board and therefore not approved by it), and also a more comprehensive memorandum prepared by Mr. McCormick of the Geological Survey.

Trusting these may be of service to your Committee.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

Chairman U.S. Geographic Board

MEMORANDUM CONCERNING THE USE OF THE NAME
COLORADO FOR GREEN RIVER

By C. Hart Merriam

In the days of the fur-traders and early explorers Green River was variously called the 'Colorado or Spanish River' [in use before 1811], the 'Rio Colorado of the West', and the 'Green or Colorado'. Elliott Coues in his editorial comments on Larpenteur's 'Forty Years a Fur Trader' (1833-72, published in 1898) remarks: "Green River is also often and not improperly called the Colorado, as it is the main upper reach of that great stream" (p.30). And Chittenden states that the name Colorado River was formerly applied to the whole river, Green and Colorado together, "but now only to that portion below the junction of the Green and Grand" (History American Fur-Trade, 1902).

The widespread use of the name Colorado for Green River is apparent from the following references:

In 1822 Capt. James Beekwourth speaks of "descending the banks of the Green River, which is the main branch of the Colorado" (Bonner's 'Life and Adventures of James P. Beekwourth, published 1892).

In 1824 the Green was spoken of by Jedediah Smith as the 'Rio Colorado,' and the following year by W. H. Ashley as the 'Rio Colorado of the West' (The Ashley-Smith Explorations of 1822-1829, Dale, 1918). The same name appears on Bonneville's map of 1837.

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J. K. Townsend, naturalist of the Wyeth expedition to Oregon in 1834, states under date of June 19 of that year: "We arrived to-day on the Green River, Siskadee, or Colorado of the West -- a beautiful, clear, deep, and rapid stream." (Narrative of a Journey across the Rocky Mountains to the Columbia River, published in 1839).

Samuel Parker calls the Green the Colorado, stating under date of August 11, 1835: "To-day we came upon the Big Sandy River, one of the upper branches of the Colorado" (Journal of an Exploring Tour beyond the Rocky Mountains, 1838).

Zenas Leonard calls the upper Green the "headwaters of the Colorado" (Narrative, 1839), and the same term is used by Willard Smith who accompanied the fur-traders, Vasquez and Sublette (1839-1840).

Fremont on August 8, 1842, camped on "the Little Sandy, one of the tributaries of the Colorado or Green River"; and about the middle of August 1843, tells of entering "the valley of Green River -- the great Colorado of the West" (Report Exploring Expedition, Senate Doc., 184, 28th Cong., 2nd Sess., pp. 60, 129, 1845).

Joel Palmer in his 'Journal of Travels over the Rocky Mountains in 1845-6' calls it "Green River, or the Great Colorado of the West".

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Edwin Bryant mentions reaching "Green River, the head of the Colorado or Red River of the West", July 15, 1846 (What I Saw in California, 1848).

Washington Irving in his account of Bonneville's Expedition of 1832, gives the Indian name Seeds-ke-dee Agie [Sagehen River] calling it "the Seeds-ke-dee Agie, or Green River, the Great Colorado of the West". (Adventures of Captain Bonneville in the Rocky Mountains and Far West, 1849.) And on Colton's Map of California, Oregon, Texas and the Territories (1849) the name is printed "Rio Colorado or Green River".

Delano in his 'Life on the Plains,' 1854, calls it "Green River or Rio Colorado".

One of the principles of the U. S. Geographic Board is:

"Only one name should be applied to a stream or mountain range throughout its entire length; in the case of a river the name should follow up its longest branch."

According to the rule, if the name Colorado is to be extended to the headwaters of either stream it should follow the Green, whose length is 700 miles, not the Grand, whose length is 423 miles. The catchment basin or drainage area of the Green is given by the U. S. Geological Survey as 44,400 square miles, while that of the Grand is only 25,900 square miles. But the flow of water appears to be greater in the Grand, the only available measurements (covering the four years 1914-1917

✓ To this there exist several exceptions, the most conspicuous being the Mississippi, the longest branch of which is the Missouri.

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inclusive) giving a mean of 8470 second feet for the Green contrasted with 10,400 for the Grand. However, Major Powell in his 'Exploration of the Colorado River of the West' 1869-1872 (published in 1875) states: "the Green River is larger than the Grand and is the upper continuation of the Colorado", and Chittenden remarks that Green River "is really the main stream" (History American Fur Trade, 1902).

February 7, 1921

Mr. Charles S. Sloane
Secretary U. S. Geographic Board
Census Office, Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Sloane:

Herewith I am transmitting for your records a copy of my reply to Congressman Esch concerning the proposed change of name of Grand River to Colorado River.

The manifold of McCormick's memorandum sent me by him I am also enclosing to Mr. Esch. You of course have a copy.

Very truly yours

C. H. Sturges

February 3, 1921

Mr. L. E. Wyman
Museum of History, Science and Art
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Wyman:

Your letter of January 26th has just arrived. In response to your request I have looked up the correspondence in relation to the so-called Richardson Grizzly skull.

A possible question arises as to which of two skulls you mean. In 1912 I received as a loan from Walter L. Richardson of Pasadena, the skin with skull attached of a Grizzly killed by him in Tejuanga Canyon in the San Gabriel Mountains. This specimen (skin and skull) appears to have been returned to Mr. Richardson direct on or about August 7, 1912, as you will see from the enclosed copy of a letter written to Mr. Richardson on August 6th of that year.

This specimen at the time I received and returned it had not been presented to your Museum but was the personal property of Mr. Richardson. I think I have heard that it was since presented to the Museum, but I am not quite sure about this.

There was another skull however sent me by the late Mr. Daggett under the supposition that it was the female of

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the so-called Sunland Grizzly. This was in 1916. Through a deliberate fraud on the part of the taxidermist to whom the specimen was sent, the original skull was withheld and the skull of a small Polar bear substituted therefor. The skull sent me by Mr. Daggett in the belief that it came from the Sunland Grizzly was the skull of the Polar bear. This skull I returned to Mr. Daggett on January 25, 1917, as you will see from the enclosed copy of a letter of that date.

Do not the two enclosed letters clear the matter up so far as I am concerned?

Very truly yours,

L. E. Wyman

P. S.—Since writing above I find in the National Museum a Grizzly skull received without label from Mr. Daggett. The bone is marked in one place "L 140", and also "D 227". Will you kindly look in your catalogue and let me have the record? Is it the skull you refer to?

Wyman (Feb. 7, 1921)

February 7, 1921

Mr. L. B. Wyman
Museum of History, Science and Art
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Wyman:

Our next-door neighbor on Sixteenth Street in Washington has just delivered to me a box from your Museum, which the expressman brought to our house last August while the house was closed. We did not return from California until January 25.

The skull in question is evidently the Hinchinbrook Island bear concerning which you wrote me on August 26. As soon as practicable I will compare it with our type specimen of Ursus machek and later will return it to your Museum. I may want to have it photographed before sending it back. It is a specimen of unusual interest and I thank you very much for your courtesy in sending it.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

1919 Sixteenth St.
Washington, D. C.
February 24, 1921

Hon. Charles D. Walcott
President National Academy of Sciences
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Walcott:

Referring to your letter of February 14 concerning the deficit incurred by the Academy in the publication of its Proceedings and calling for contributions, would say that I am herewith enclosing my check for fifteen dollars as my mite.

It seems strange that the Publication Committee should involve the Academy in so heavy a debt. Personally I never favored the publication of the Proceedings, as it adds another to the already great multitude of places in which scientific papers are scattered. However, so long as the Academy decided to publish, I responded last year to the appeal of the Publication Committee by subscribing to an additional copy.

I am writing from my bed where I have been since the operation at the hospital on the 8th inst.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 24, 1921

Mr. Donald R. Dickey
San Rafael Heights
Pasadena, California

Dear Mr. Dickey:

You were very kind to write me as you did on your way back to California, and also to send me the clipping from the Los Angeles Times of February 10, telling of the death of old Juncio. I am very glad to have this clipping as it contains information of interest.

A few days after you were here I was operated on for hernia at the George Washington Hospital, since which time I have been on my back. Yesterday for the first time I was allowed to sit up, and I expect to repeat the pleasure today and hope to be able to go to the Museum by the end of the month.

I was very glad to see you here and to have an opportunity to show you my office and let you see some of the things I am trying to accomplish.

I trust that during the coming season we may have the pleasure of a visit from you and your Mother at Lagunitas.

With kindest regards from us all to you both,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 24, 1921

Mr. Gilbert H. Grosvenor
Editor National Geographic Magazine
16th and M Sts., Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Grosvenor:

The enclosed letter from Lieutenant G. T. Emmons (U. S. Navy, Retired) speaks of an article on Southeast Alaska illustrated by photographs taken by himself thirty years ago, and asks if it would be of interest to the National Geographic Magazine.

Lieutenant Emmons, as you may remember, was in command of a Naval vessel in the waters of Southeast Alaska for nearly twenty years. He was an amateur naturalist and ethnologist and has published a number of articles on the Indians.

In case the matter is of interest to you, will you kindly write Lieutenant Emmons direct?

With best wishes,

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

February 24, 1921

My dear Lieutenant Emmons:

Your letter from Princeton found me in bed where I have been since the 8th inst. when I was operated on for hernia. I am doing nicely and expect to be up in a few days.

I am very glad to know that you have written the two articles of which you speak, one on the Jade Implements of British Columbia and Alaska, the other on the Stone Mirrors of the Tsimshian. The latter is something I know nothing about.

I am glad also that you are about to prepare an illustrated magazine article on Southeast Alaska, for I am sure no other person has so complete a series of photographs showing the country and native villages as they were thirty years ago.

You ask if I know anyone who wants your basket collection. Yes, we all want them, but I regret to say I do not know anyone or any museum rich enough to purchase them. I know that many of them are very precious.

I did not return from California until near the end of January, so that I was home only a few days before the operation, and we hope to return to California early in the spring.

My permanent address is 1919 Sixteenth Street, Washington, D. C. -- the same as for the past thirty-five years. My summer and fall address is Lagunitas, Marin County, California, which is my base for field operations the better part of each year.

We were interested to know that both of your children are married and that you already have two grandchildren. Our eldest daughter Dorothy married Henry Abbot of Cambridge six years ago and has a little girl three and a half years old.

I am not in a position to speak for the Geographic Magazine in respect to your article on Southeast Alaska, but will refer this part of your letter to the President and Editor, Mr. Gilbert H. Grosvenor, *who may write you direct.*

With kindest regards to Mrs. Emmons and yourself, in which Mrs. Merriam joins,

Very truly yours

E. H. Merriam

Lieutenant G. T. Emmons
Princeton
New Jersey

February 24, 1921

Mr. Napoleon A. Comeau
Godbout, Canada

My dear Mr. Comeau:

Your letter of January 26th has just reached me, and I need hardly assure you that it is a great pleasure to hear from you again.

Just at the present moment I am on my back recovering from an operation for hernia, but I am now nearly well and expect to be out in a few days.

I am very sorry to learn of the death of your wife and one of your sons, but am glad to know that another of your sons saw service on the other side.

Thus far we have had no deaths in my family since those of my mother and father which occurred some time ago. My eldest daughter, Dorothy, was married about six years ago, and had two children, one of whom died. The other, a little girl, is now three and a half and is very charming. My other daughter is unmarried and lives at home with my wife and myself.

We have a place in California, at Lagunitas just North of San Francisco Bay, where we spend half or a little more than half of each year. I am still doing active field work in California, and my home on the edge of the Redwood Belt

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is conveniently located for this work.

For many years I operated a pack outfit in the mountains but nowadays I navigate an automobile, running from three to five thousand miles or more each season, and camping nights close beside the car. Sometimes, in order to reach remote spots in the mountains, I leave my car at a ranch and go horse-back or mule-back. My wife and daughter usually accompany me on these trips.

While still doing a lot of Natural History work, I am at the same time giving special attention to a study of the Indian tribes of California and Nevada, and have now collected vocabularies of more than a hundred tribes. I am making a special effort to ascertain and map their boundaries and locate their old village sites.

I am glad to know that you have some mice and other small mammals on hand, and shall be very glad indeed to see them, if you will send them, as you suggest, when navigation opens. They should be sent by express, charges collect, addressed U. S. Biological Survey, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

I sympathize with your feelings in regard to some of the clauses of the Migratory Bird Act. Game protection within reasonable limits is of course a good thing, but the trouble is that many game protectionists carry it too far, some of them becoming fanatics on the subject. I have always held that drastic game legislation was not only undesirable but a real injury to the cause, for it is sure to react and cause loss

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of respect for the law. And during the twenty-five years in which I was Chief of the U. S. Biological Survey, I held that shooting should be encouraged so long as it did not result in the decrease of the species concerned; and I have always held that people in remote regions should be allowed to kill whatever was necessary for their own food supply. In my judgment most of our game laws are too drastic and show more sentiment than sense.

You do not know how glad I am to hear from you again. I wish I might see you face to face and shake your hand once more.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 25, 1921

Dr. W. T. Hornaday
Director New York Zoological Park

Dear Dr. Hornaday:

The January number of the Zoological Society Bulletin reached me this morning and I read it from cover to cover while in bed -- where I am rapidly recovering from an operation for hernia.

I congratulate you on this number of the Bulletin. It seems to me the most interesting of any yet issued -- and that is saying a good deal.

And I am glad that you came right out and told the world about Ellis Joseph and A. K. Haagner. Such men deserve tributes of this kind, but rarely get them. The photograph of Joseph shows him to be just the kind of a man you say he is.

I was glad to read your article on Zebras, Ditmar's on *Ceratodus*, Crandall's on European Zoological Gardens -- and in fact the whole number.

The picture of the Great Ant-eater is splendid, and I congratulate you on having so fine an individual in your remarkable collection.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 26, 1921

Motor Vehicle Department
Sacramento
California

Dear Sirs:

The accompanying letter and transfer are probably all right, but I deem it proper to make the following explanation.

Several months ago a man by the name of Harrison, then foreman of the Chevrolet Service Station in San Francisco offered to find a purchaser for me for my big Chevrolet car, Engine No. C 178, made in 1913, and bearing the 1920 License No. 410-614.

I therefore turned the car over to him and signed the transfer form, leaving blank the name of the person to whom sold. Some time later Harrison sold the car to a man named S. H. Powell, mechanic in the Keystone Garage on Mission Street. Powell asked me for the transfer and I told him I had given it to Harrison, who apparently lost it. Powell has paid me for the car and I gave him a bill of sale.

A few days ago I received the enclosed letter from F. B. Snook of 212 Sixteenth Ave., San Francisco, forwarded from my summer place at Lagunitas.

Snook states that he bought the car from Powell and

sold it to F. W. Igel of Sunnyvale -- which I have no reason to doubt -- and enclosed the accompanying transfer slip, which I have signed and am enclosing herewith to you.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Meriam —

February 26, 1921

The Hon. William D. Stephens, Governor
Sacramento, California

Dear Sir:

Last summer and fall it was my privilege to drive my car four times over the Highway from Russian River to the Coast. I hope you have yourself made this trip, as otherwise you can hardly appreciate the grandeur and solemnity of the Redwood Forests along the way.

I was appalled to find that lumbering operations had already begun in several of the groves, and was deeply impressed by the very real danger of the destruction of these magnificent forests, the like of which are not to be found in any other part of the world. This means, as you well know, the immediate transformation of one of the grandest and most imposing scenic routes in the world into scenes of utter desolation.

I am aware of the efforts of the Redwood League to save the magnificent forests along the Highway for the benefit of the many thousands of people who traverse the Highway every year. But it is obvious that only a small fraction of the funds necessary for their purchase can be raised by private subscription before it is too late.

A number of owners of Redwood tracts have generously deferred lumbering operations at the request of the League.

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but realizing the improbability of raising sufficient funds within a reasonable period, are already beginning to cut or preparing to do so in the near future.

The matter therefore is extremely urgent, and I trust you will pardon me for hoping that you will use your influence with the Legislature to secure the appropriation necessary for the purchase of at least some of the splendid groves still standing on Eel River.

In my judgment such an appropriation would prove a wise business investment for the State, since there can be no question that the privilege of driving through these wonderful and unique forests attracts motorists from all parts of the civilized world, bringing thousands of dollars into the State each year. That this tourist travel will increase year by year if the Redwoods are preserved and decrease immediately if they are destroyed, with consequent financial loss to the State, seems obvious.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

1919 Sixteenth St.
Washington, D. C.
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Mr. Lawrence M. Huey
2875 Clay Avenue
San Diego, Calif.

Dear Mr. Huey:

Your letter of January
11th reached Washington while I was still in Califor-
nia.

Since my return I have submitted your grasses
to Dr. A. S. Hitchcock, who writes "The specimens are
difficult to identify with certainty in this condi-
tion, but we have done the best we can."

They were forwarded to your San Diego address
several days ago, and I trust will settle the identi-
ty of some of the more important food species.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 2, 1921

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Hon. John J. Esch, Chairman
Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce
House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for a copy of the
report of the recent hearing of your Committee
on the proposed change of the name of Grand
River, Colorado.

I see that you publish my letter of
February 7, 1921, but regret to note that the
historical resume I sent you on the use of the
name Colorado for Green River was carefully
omitted.

Respectfully,

C. West Hurns

March 4, 1921

Col. J. A. McGuire
Editor Outdoor Life
Denver, Colorado

Dear Colonel McGuire:

Replying to your letter of February 25 concerning the size of Cougars, would say that your friend Crossland evidently bases his statements on the exaggerated recollections of some of the older inhabitants. As a matter of fact I quite agree with you in the belief that a ten-foot Cougar never lived.

At all events, the animal of the Adirondacks and mountains of Pennsylvania, Felis conguar, was one of the smaller species, never attaining anything like the dimensions of the Rocky Mountain animal, Felis hippolestes. And the largest males of the latter are not known to exceed a length of nine feet -- and this, if ever actually attained, is far above the average.

In my Revision of the Pumas (published in the Proceedings of the Washington Academy of Sciences, Vol. 3, pp. 577-600, Dec. 1901) I say of Felis hippolestes, "Size largest of the known members of the group"; and add concerning the largest of the twelve killed by Roosevelt in Colorado, "One male is a giant, and has the largest skull of any Puma I have seen, surpassing even the type specimen of Felis hippolestes from the Wind River Mountains of Wyoming. In the flesh, this animal

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measured 8 feet in total length from nose to tip of tail, and weighed 227 pounds."

In the first part of my Mammals of the Adirondacks, published in 1882, I state: "In the Adirondacks, it is an uncommonly large Panther that measures eight feet from the end of its nose to the tip of its tail, and an unusually heavy one that weighs a hundred and fifty pounds. Still, on the 15th of February, 1877, Mr. Verplanck Colvin, Superintendent of the Adirondack Survey, shot a male on Seventh Lake Mountain, in Hamilton County, that weighed about two hundred pounds. This is the heaviest Panther concerning which I have been able to procure trustworthy information."

In the few cases where measurements of excessive length have been made, they are measurements of skins -- not of the animal before skinning; and inasmuch as the skin of the old Panther adheres rather closely to the muscle, it is usually stretched from one to two feet in removing.

In my Mammals of the Adirondacks above quoted occurs the following: ". . . one is every now and then confronted with the most fabulous statements concerning the size of the beast now under consideration. Some would have us believe that Panthers have been killed and measured with a 'two-foot rule' that were eleven, twelve, and even thirteen feet in length. Formidable beasts indeed! No less an authority than James DeKay tells us, in apparent good faith, that one was killed on an island in Fourth Lake (of the Fulton Chain) in Herkimer

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County, that, when recently killed, 'had a total length of eleven feet three inches.' To those that are inclined to credit such statements I have only to say: measure off eleven feet on your floor; place the largest Panther you ever saw on this measured line, and then tell me on what part of the beast you would 'annex' or 'splice on' the three or more additional feet."

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

March 4, 1921

Mr. W. I. Adams
Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Adams:

Herewith I am sending you
my expense account for the month of February,
amounting to \$23, and also the bill for \$91.50
for office rent and telephone at the Northum-
berland, which I shall be obliged if you will
kindly pay as usual from the Harriman Fund.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

C. Hart Merriam

1919 Sixteenth Street, Washington, D. C.

Expense Account for February, 1921

Feb. 8	C. F. Libbie & Co.: Gibbes Map of California	1	3 50
	C. M. Drake: California Names		1 50
	B. H. Smith: Yosemite Legends		3.50
	Subscriptions for 1921:		
	Bird-Lore		\$1.50
	Condor		2.00
	Journ. Mammalogy		2.75
Feb. 25	Charwoman, cleaning office	2	6.25
	Janitor		5 00
	Postage		1 00
	3 Spools thread		1 00
	Electric Current Dec. 22 - Jan. 24	3	25
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C. Hart Merriam
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March 5, 1921

Dr. W. T. Henshaw
Director New York Zoological Park

Dear Dr. Henshaw:

Many thanks for your letter of February 28 with accompanying photograph of the baby Pygmy Hippo and its mother.

I am greatly pained to learn of the serious trouble you have had with your eyes. But it is a great consolation to know that an artificial lens fulfills at least a part of the function of the original.

I am now able to go out-of-doors and walk about a little, though not far as yet, and I have to be very careful about going upstairs.

You and your collaborators certainly did a remarkably satisfactory rush job on that January Bulletin. I trust the good work may continue.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 5, 1921

George M. Darrow
 Pomologist
 U. S. Department of Agriculture

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 24, I regret to say that I cannot help you in your search for Ribes marshalli.

My notes of Ribes are not indexed and I fear I may have confused marshalli and lobbi, a common species on the higher mountains of the California National Forest north of Clear Lake. I have probably found marshalli in the mountains still farther north, particularly the Salmon River Alps and Trinity Mountains, but cannot be sure of this.

I expect to return to this region in May next and will keep my eye out for the species.

Regretting my inability to furnish the information you desire.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 5, 1921

W. H. Lowdermilk & Co.,
 Booksellers
 1418 F St., Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs:

Will you kindly order for me the following items from 'Hornsey Book List No. 63' recently issued by F. C. Carter, 71, Middle Lane, Hornsey, N.8., London, England:

- No. 362. Humboldt, Alex. De. Essay on New Spain. 12s
 2 vols., 8 vo., 1811
- No. 739. Anthropological Studies in California.
 50 plates, 1902; Aboriginal American
 Harpoons, 20 plates, 1902; etc. 6 in all. 7s
- No. 832. Cassin, John. Mammalogy and Ornithology. 8s
 Large 4to, 1858

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 8, 1921.

Fr. Zephyrin Engelhardt
Mission Santa Barbara
Santa Barbara, California

My dear Fr. Engelhardt:

In accordance with your request,
I am enclosing lists of rancherias obtained in my work with
the old Mission records in the fall of 1919.

I believe I am sending you all those which you
said you would be interested in having, except the ones for
San Antonio and La Soledad Missions. You will remember that
you thought these were with the San Carlos records at
Monterey; but Father Mestres said that they were not there,
and that he did not know where they were. If you ever run
across them at any time, we should be very glad to know of
it.

I am sorry not to have been able to send you
these lists sooner, as I fear that you may have needed them
for your work. I trust they will not prove too late to be
of use to you.

I did not have the pleasure of a trip to Califor-
nia last year, but I have many beautiful memories of my days
at the Missions, particularly those spent at Santa Barbara
and at San Juan Capistrano. I hope that you have kept

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well and that your work has been progressing to your satis-
faction. I am eager to know of the publication of your
books on the different Missions.

Please remember me to Father O'Sullivan and to Miss
MacArthur when you see them. It has been a very long time
since I have heard from Miss MacArthur.

With best wishes, and much gratitude for the many
courtesies rendered me, believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

Stella Clemence

March 10, 1921

Mr. Charles S. Sloane,
Secretary, United States Geographic Board,
Census Office,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Sloane:

Complying with your request of the 8th instant I take pleasure in enclosing herewith a list of the various mountains bearing the name "Lincoln", which I had compiled previous to the last meeting of the Board.

After the meeting, Mr. McGuire handed me a similar list which he had prepared.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mountains in the United States and Alaska
Bearing the Name "Mount Lincoln".

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- Lincoln Peak, SE Alaska, N. of Frederick Sound; alt. 4,894 ft.
 - Lincoln Mountains, SE Alaska, near head of Portland Canal; alt. 6,200 ft.
 - Mount Lincoln, Calif., Placer Co.; alt. 8,403 ft.
 - Mount Lincoln, Colo., in Park Range, Rocky Mountains; alt. 14,307 ft.
 - Mount Lincoln, Mass., Pelham Co.; alt. 1,246 ft.
 - Mount Lincoln, N. H., Grafton Co.; alt. 5,098 ft.
 - Mount Lincoln, Vt., on boundary between Addison and Washington Counties;
alt. 4,078 ft.
 - Mount Lincoln, Wash., Olympic Mountains; alt. unknown.
 - Lincoln Peak, Wash., near Mount Baker; alt. unknown.

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Byron S. Adams
Printer
512 - Eleventh St.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Please print for me five hundred
(500) letterheads like sample enclosed, using the same
style type, and the same quality and size of paper.
I understand the price for 500 sheets is \$8.00, according
to your estimate given today.

Please note particularly that the size of the
paper is 8 by 10-1/2 inches.

Very truly yours.

C. Hartman

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Colonel W. B. Greeley,
Chief, Forest Service,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Colonel Greeley:

I have recently learned of two publications of
the Forest Service, which I should be glad to have if
you have copies to spare, namely, 'Jack Pine', by W. D.
Sterrett, and 'Forest Trails and Highways of the Mount
Hood Region'.

Very truly yours,

C. Hartman

March 10, 1921

Mr. Lee R. Dice,
Museum of Zoology,
Ann Arbor, Mich.

Dear Mr. Dice:

A couple of days ago I sent you by express a batch of my separates of mammal papers, to which were added a few on other subjects. Trusting some of them may be of use to you, and regretting my delay in sending.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 10, 1921

Colonel H. C. Rizer,
U. S. Geological Survey,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Colonel Rizer:

I shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly send me for official use two copies each of the Survey's map of Pacheco Pass and the new edition of the topographic map of Yosemite National Park.

I should be glad also if you could send me Professional Paper 111, Ore Deposits of Utah, and the following water-supply papers:

- 450-C Ground Water in Palump, Mesquite and Ivanpah Valleys;
- 461 Surface Water, Pacific Slope Basins in California;
- 467 Exploratory Drilling for Water in Steptoe Valley, Nevada.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Chairman, U. S. Geographic Board

March 10, 1921

Metropolitan Air Goods Company,
Athol, Mass.

Dear Sirs:

Thanks for your letter of February 28 and accompanying circulars. You seem to be uncommonly unfortunate in the selection of your Washington agents. You refer me to S. N. Meyer and D. N. Walford, of this city. I have been to both places with negative results. Meyer tells me that he ceased to carry your goods about a year ago. Walford tells me that he does not keep them on hand because of their rapid deterioration, but that he can order on request. He seemed to have no interest whatever in the matter and did not reply to specific questions.

I am enclosing herewith a check for four dollars, for one of your utility sportsman cushions, size 14 x 16, which please send to above address.

I expect to return to California in May, and shall be obliged if you will give me the address of someone in San Francisco who really does carry your goods.

Your circulars are silent as to the details of inflation of your air goods. This, to my mind, is a very important matter, as the old method of mouth inflation is an excellent way of carrying disease. I would like to know if the valves on these goods fit the standard auto tire pumps.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 10, 1921

Mr. Charles E. M. Cole,
Jack Wade, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Dr. E. W. Nelson, Chief of the Biological Survey, tells me that you are in a position to secure skulls of Grizzly Bears.

I am anxious to get hold of as many skulls as possible of adult grizzlies, particularly of adult males, from your part of Alaska. We have very few from the mountains between the Yukon and Tanana, and very few from the upper Yukon. Skulls of young and immature bears up to the fifth year are not of much value; but for skulls of old grizzlies I pay \$8 to \$10 for females and \$10 to \$15 for males, according to age and condition.

Skulls should be carefully packed to prevent breakage in transit, and should be shipped by express, charges collect, marked 'U. S. Biological Survey, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.' Your name should be written on the outside of the box.

A label or tag should be firmly tied to each skull, giving the locality where killed, the approximate date of killing, the sex of the bear when known, and your own name and address. A few tags are enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 10, 1921

Nagamichi Kuroda,
Fukuyoshi Cho,
Akasaka, Tokyo.

My dear Sir:

Your letter of January 18 reached me a short time ago, and I am very glad to have the photograph which you were good enough to enclose. Herewith I am enclosing one of mine in exchange. I am obliged also for your papers.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hartman

March 11, 1921

Mr. Joseph Mailliard,
California Academy of Sciences,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Mr. Mailliard:

Please pardon my delay in sending you the address of James L. Clark, the man I told you about who makes the wonderful teeth for mounting in dummy skulls of Grizzly Bears. His address is: James L. Clark, 1160 Southern Boulevard, Bronx, New York.

In the days of prehistoric barbarism, taxidermists felt justified in chopping off the backs of mammal skulls and mounting the heads with the skull inside; but with the gradual dawn of intelligence, when naturalists began to recognize the necessity of skulls in their systematic studies, the taxidermists were obliged to manufacture dummy skulls, so that the originals might be available for study. At first plaster casts were used, and are still used to some extent, though nowadays papier-mache or other light materials are generally employed.

Inasmuch as the original skull has little resemblance to the head with the flesh on, progressive taxidermists (such as M. Abbott Frazar, of Boston, and Wilson Potter, of Philadelphia) went to considerable trouble and expense to secure casts of freshly killed bears, and other kinds of big game, which served as models for the dummy skulls. Frazar keeps dummy skulls of various sizes on hand for sale (89 South St. Boston).

The trouble with these dummy skulls was the unsatisfactory character of the teeth. To overcome this difficulty James L.

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Clark made a number of casts of the teeth of bears, ranging in size from the common Black Bear to the Grizzlies and the Big Brown Bears of Alaska. From these molds he made casts of a celluloid material which resembles the original teeth in color but is very much stronger. Bears' teeth, as you doubtless know, crack and fall to pieces in time, while Clark's teeth remain permanent.

We arrived in Washington on January 25 and found everything in our house in good condition. After opening the house I went to a hospital and was operated on for hernia. I am now recovered, and am able to come to my office every day and have been to the Museum once.

With kind regards and best wishes to your sister, and to Miss Eastwood and Dr. Evermann,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 11, 1921

Mr. James W. McGuire,
U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. McGuire:

Herewith I am returning the Mount Lincoln cards
which you kindly loaned me at the last meeting of the
Board, and for which I am obliged.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 11, 1921

Mr. E. W. Gudger,
American Museum of Natural History,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Gudger:

Very many thanks for your letter of January 17
containing additional California titles, which I am very
glad to have.

Venegas, as you doubtless know, relates to Lower
California, not the California of today.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

was still in California when you last lettered.

March 11, 1921

Mrs. Estelle Barfield,
Box 281,
Merced, California.

My dear Mrs. Barfield:

Since my return to Washington I have been laid up in a hospital, which is my apology for delay in writing you again about your beads.

I have just now compared them with the large lot from the cremation grounds near Placerville, with which, excepting only the two striped ones, they agree in every particular, only yours are smaller than mine. I have not been able to find any Indian-made beads among yours. They are of interest, however, and I am obliged to you for the opportunity of comparing them with my Placerville series. They are returned to you by this mail (Registered).

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

March 11, 1921

Mr. James I. Clark,
1160 Southern Boulevard,
Bronx, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Clark:

In looking over the skulls of beavers that came in during my long absence in California, I have not discovered Mr. Mallinckrodt's big skull which he said you would send me, and concerning which I wrote you on November 21. If you have not already shipped it I shall be obliged if you will do so in the near future, addressing it as usual to the Biological Survey, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., and tagging it so that there may be no mistake as to which skull it is and who from.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

March 12, 1921

Mr. R. W. Limbert,
Boise, Idaho.

My dear Sir:

This is a tardy acknowledgment of your very interesting letter of December 16, in reply to my inquiry about the lava bed bears. I am extremely sorry to have missed your call at Lagunitas and hope for better luck the next time you are in California. I am off on field trips a good deal of the time.

I had the misfortune to hurt myself before leaving California, and since my return to Washington have been laid up in a hospital. I am all right now, however, and expect to return to California in May.

Have you seen Mr. Laidlow about his bear skull? I should like mightily to get hold of it, particularly if it happens to be an adult male. Thanks for the addresses of C. C. Dedman and 'Diamond Dick'. I am writing them by this mail.

I am most anxious to secure specimens of both the Dwarf Grizzly and Dwarf Black Bear from the lava beds of eastern Oregon and southern Idaho, but thus far have failed to get them. Skulls of Grizzly Bear are much needed from all parts of the West, particularly Idaho, Oregon and western Wyoming, and I shall be glad to purchase any you are able to locate.

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I am glad to know there are still mountain sheep and antelope in the mountains of Owyhee County. Sage hens were very abundant in south-central Oregon when I crossed the state with a pack outfit some years ago. Old males were especially numerous in big flocks in the mountains east of Warner Lake. In the course of the same trip I saw mountain sheep and mule deer on Steens Mountain.

Your records of buffalo, based on old skulls, must be about the most western known. I am glad to have the localities.

In a few days I expect to be able to see Mr. Grosvenor, at the National Geographic Society headquarters, and will ask him to let me see your manuscript. I shall be mightily interested to read it.

With best wishes, and many thanks for your kindness in writing,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 12, 1921

Mr. C. C. Dedman,
Carey, Idaho.

Dear Sir:

For some years past I have been making a special effort to secure skulls of Grizzly Bears, for our National Museum in Washington, but have had poor luck in getting specimens from Idaho. Mr. R. W. Limbert, of Boise, informs me that you may be able to obtain Grizzly skulls for me; if so, I shall be greatly obliged. For skulls of young Grizzlies I can pay \$5 or \$6 each; for old females, \$8; for old males in good condition, \$10 to \$15.

If you succeed in obtaining any, please pack the skulls carefully, to avoid breakage in transit, and ship by express, charges collect, addressed, 'U. S. Biological Survey, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.' Please tie a tag to each skull, giving the locality where killed, the sex and approximate date if known, and your own name. Please write me at the same time, so I may be on the lookout for the skull.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 12, 1921

Diamond Dick,
Picabo, Idaho.

Dear Sir:

For some years past I have been making a special effort to secure skulls of Grizzly Bears, for our National Museum in Washington, but have had poor luck in getting specimens from Idaho. Mr. R. W. Limbert, of Boise, informs me that you may be able to obtain Grizzly skulls for me; if so, I shall be greatly obliged. For skulls of young Grizzlies I can pay \$5 or \$6 each; for old females, \$8; for old males in good condition, \$10 to \$15.

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Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 12, 1921

Mr. George H. Peterson,
Sitka,
Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 18th instant I would say that for some time past I have been cutting down on the purchase of bear skulls, for the reason that the fund available for this purpose has been so nearly exhausted. However, I am still glad to secure skulls of adult bears when the locality where they were killed is known, although I can not pay as much as formerly for them. If you care to send the three skulls you have on hand, and the eight which the Indians have, I shall be glad to examine them carefully and pay whatever I can for them.

They should be carefully packed, and shipped by express, as heretofore, addressed, 'U. S. Biological Survey, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.' A tag should be attached to each skull, giving the locality where killed, the sex and approximate date if known, the name of the collector, and your own name.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 12, 1921

Mr. Will J. Farrington,
Bishop,
California.

Dear Mr. Farrington:

Owing to my long absence in field work in the West your letter, written early last summer, got lost in a lot of miscellaneous accumulated mail, and has recently turned up since my return from California.

I deeply sympathize with you and others owning lands in the Mono Basin, but I was not aware of the withdrawal of lands until the receipt of your letter. I know nothing whatever of the facts in the case and regret that I am not in a position to help you. I would suggest, however, that a letter or petition, signed by land owners of Mono Basin, addressed to the new Secretary of the Interior, might be worth while. The congressional committee to which such matters might be referred will not be appointed until the new session of Congress.

With best wishes and kind regards to your mother and father.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 14, 1921

Mr. Gilbert Grosvenor,
President, National Geographic Society,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Grosvenor:

It will give me much pleasure to accept your invitation to luncheon at 1:00 p.m., on Friday, March 25, at the Cosmos Club, to meet the Board of Trustees of the National Geographic Society.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 14, 1921

Mr. E. Marshall Scull,
President, Wilderness Club,
1316 Locust Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Scull:

Very many thanks for your cordial invitation, asking me to be a guest at the coming dinner of the Wilderness Club, to be held at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel on Saturday, the 19th instant.

I should enjoy this greatly; but have only recently left the hospital, where I underwent a rather serious operation for hernia, and am not yet strong enough to undertake such a trip.

Regretting my inability to renew acquaintance with yourself and other members of the Club, I remain, with best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 14, 1921

Dear Mrs. Chapman:

Very many thanks for your kindness in sending me the letters from N. T. Edwards, of Revelstoke, about the bear skulls. I appreciate your courtesy in the matter, and am writing Mr. Edwards again by this mail.

With kind regards and best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mrs. Robert Hollister Chapman,
2029 Q Street, N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

March 14, 1921

Mr. N. T. Edwards,

Revelstoke, B. C.

Dear Sir:

You probably know that Mr. Robert H. Chapman died last spring. Mrs. Chapman has sent me your letters relating to the skulls of those Red Bears. I am wondering if you ever got them; if so, I should be very glad to have them.

Are these Red Bears common or rare, and how many kinds of Grizzly do you have in the region in which you hunt?

Hoping to hear from you,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 14, 1921

Mr. W. G. C. Manson,
Lillooet, B. C.

Dear Sir:

The two bear skulls mentioned in your letter of February 22 reached Washington on January 6, at which time I was still in California. I have not been able to examine these skulls until today. I value them at \$22, a check for which amount will be sent you in a few days from my account in the Smithsonian Institution.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 14, 1921

Mr. John Jonas,
Livingston, Montana.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of January 30 states that on the 14th of that month you shipped me a skull of an adult Grizzly. No such skull has been received. On February 5, however, we received the skull of a young male Grizzly, labelled, 'Cliff Lake, Montana, spring of 1920'. This skull is less than half grown, and is priced at \$7.00, a check for which will be sent you in the near future from my account in the Smithsonian Institution.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 14, 1921

Jacquot Bros.,
Kluane, Whitehorse,
Yukon, Canada.

Dear Sirs:

Owing to my late return from California and subsequent illness, I have not been able until today to examine the bear skulls shipped by you to the Biological Survey on July 19, 1920.

The skulls arrived safely on August 19. Several of them labelled males turn out to be females. One has the cheek bones broken; and the old male, the best skull in the lot, has the base chipped out behind, a serious injury, which prevents taking the necessary measurements. However, I am glad to have these skulls and have valued them at \$45.00. A check for this amount will be sent you shortly, from my account in the Smithsonian Institution, and will be addressed to the Canadian Bank of Commerce, as requested in your letter.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 15, 1921

Mrs. A. B. Morrison,
Biological Survey,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Morrison:

Will you kindly have the proper person send me, say, fifty sheets of Survey letterheads for correspondence with bear collectors, and several packages of franked envelopes, mainly small size? I still have enough return penalty envelopes.

If you have an extra Postal Guide for 1920 I should be glad to have it, as our latest is for 1918.

For more than a year I have not received my bound copy of the Congressional Directory. I am informed that a copy of each issue is sent me addressed to the Biological Survey.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 15, 1921

Mr. Stanley G. Jewett,
515 Post Office Building,
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Mr. Jewett:

Your letter of November 4, about the Dwarf Bear of the Oregon lava beds, interested me much, and I am wondering if you have obtained any additional information on the subject.

I am very glad that you will be on the lookout for these bears during the present season and hope you will succeed in obtaining a few specimens, particularly an adult male.

Yes, the specimen we have is the cub obtained by Mr. McKendrick.

You mention a specimen sent the Biological Survey from the lava beds near Fort Rock (No. 33, S. E. Stickle). I will look this specimen up as soon as I am able to spend a little more time at the Museum.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 16, 1921

Mr. Wm. Drury,
c/o Taylor, Drury, Pedlar & Co., Ltd.,
Whitehorse, Yukon.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for the thirteen Grizzly skulls mentioned in your letter of October 14. They reached the Biological Survey on November 17; but I did not return from California until about the end of January, since which time I have been laid up in the hospital, and have only just now been able to examine the skulls.

Six of them are not full grown, and two of the adults have been badly injured by chopping out the base underneath. However, there are some fine ones among them; and for the lot I am crediting your account with \$112.00, a check for which will be sent you in the near future from my account in the Smithsonian Institution.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 16, 1921

Mr. Ernest Kirberger,
Kake, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The Biological Survey received from you on November 16 the five bear skulls mentioned in your invoice of October 25; but owing to my late return from California, and subsequent illness, I have only just been able to examine them.

The lot contains two adults and three young, valued at \$31.00, a check for which will be sent you in the near future from my account in the Smithsonian Institution.

Yours very truly,

C. Hart Merriam

March 16, 1921

Mr. C. H. McNeil,
Kamishak, via Seldovia,
Alaska.

My dear Sir:

On returning from California the latter part of January I was obliged to go to a hospital, and have only just been able to examine the bear skulls received from you last fall. Two lots were received: one on October 6, the other on October 20. The former shipment is the one described in your letter of July 30, as containing a mother and two cubs in addition to two other bears (one of which turns out to be a young Brown Bear, the other a female of the common Black Bear). The second lot contains three cubs, or young Brown Bears, and two adult females. For the first batch, I have credited your account with \$23.00; for the second, \$28.00; making \$51.00 in all, a check for which will be sent you shortly from my account in the Smithsonian Institution.

I am surprised at your statement that your local agent requires that freight be paid in advance. I do not understand this, and am not aware of any reason why shipments should not be made collect, as heretofore.

Yours very truly,

C. Hart Merriam

March 16, 1921

Mr. H. Chambers,
Whitehorse, Yukon.

Dear Sir:

Eight skulls of Grizzly Bears were received from you early in November, but owing to my late return from California and subsequent illness I have only just been able to examine them. Five of them are labeled; but three are not labeled, and I have no means of knowing where they were killed. If you can supply this information, I shall be glad to purchase them.

Three of the skulls were badly injured by having the basal part chopped out underneath.

For the five skulls from Kluk Shoo, Kluane, Ashiak Lake, Dalton House and O'Connor River, I have credited your account with \$49.00, a check for which will be sent you in a few days from my account in the Smithsonian Institution. Please let me know if you know where the three others were killed.

Yours very truly,

C. Hart Merriam

March 16, 1921

Mr. W. E. Duryea,

Dutton, Iliamna Bay, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The two bear skulls shipped by you in September reached us on November 9; but the ones you expected to send early in October have not yet arrived. The two received are both young females: one a cub, the other about half grown. For them I have credited your account with \$9.00, a check for which will be sent you in a few days from my account in the Smithsonian Institution.

Yours very truly,

C. Hart Merriam

March 16, 1921

Mr. W. A. Shields,

Seldovia, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I have just examined the Brown Bear skull you shipped to us on August 4 last. Unfortunately, the base posteriorly has been chopped out, which badly injures the skull. However, a check of \$10 in payment for it will be sent you in a few days from my account in the Smithsonian Institution.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 16, 1921

Mackay & Dippie,
Calgary, Alberta.

Dear Sirs:

The bear skulls you sent last November from near Whitehorse arrived duly, but owing to my late return from California and subsequent illness, I have only just been able to examine them.

The Grizzly is very young--less than half grown. The other three are the common Black Bear, one of which is a small cub. I am crediting you for the lot \$8.00, a check for which will be sent you in a few days from my account in the Smithsonian Institution.

Yours very truly,

C. Hart Merriam

March 16, 1921

Mr. Herbert Lee,
Tenakee, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The bear skull mentioned in your letter of November 25 reached the Biological Survey on December 18, at which date I was still in California. On my return near the end of January I was obliged to go to the hospital, and have only just been able to examine the accumulated skulls. The one you sent is not fully adult. I have credited your account \$10.00 for it, a check for which will be sent you in a short time from my account in the Smithsonian Institution.

I am sending this letter off now, as it may be several weeks before I will be able to get at the old big skull from Saltery Bay whose measurements I promised to send you.

Thanks for your kind wish that I may "live to enjoy many more vacations on the Pacific Slope". I have visited the Pacific Coast nearly every year for about thirty-four years, but have not yet taken a vacation there, as I am there for field work and am rushed all the time.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 18, 1921

Mr. Fred Phillips,
Iliamna, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

On examining the bear skulls received during the past season and before my recent return from California, I find two batches from you. The first lot was received May 12, 1920, and comprises seven skulls (described in your letter of March 23, 1920). The second lot was received November 9, 1920, and consists of five skulls agreeing with your letter of September 23; but this lot was marked on the box as shipped by A. H. Miller, Superintendent Native School, Anchorage, Alaska. The first lot I value at \$39.00, the last at \$38.00, making \$77.00 in all, a check for which will be sent you in a few days from my account in the Smithsonian Institution.

In case this last batch of skulls belonged to Mr. Miller you will, of course, settle with him.

I have difficulty in locating some of your localities, as they are not shown on the usual Alaska maps. Therefore, in case you send skulls in the future, please locate the places of killing a little more definitely. I assume that all in the two lots above referred to were from points on Alaska Peninsula.

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The last batch of skulls--the one apparently shipped by A. H. Miller--was very poorly labeled. One was not tagged at all. The others had pasteboard tags on which were written names apparently of the natives who collected them, but without any information whatever as to locality.

Yours very truly,

C. Hart Merriam

March 18, 1921

Mr. W. I. Adams,
Chief Accountant, Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Adams:

Herewith I am enclosing vouchers⁽¹²⁾ for the bear skulls not previously paid for, received during the past season, and shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly send checks in payment from the Harriman Fund as usual. The vouchers are listed below.

These accounts should have been settled earlier, but since leaving the hospital I was not able to go to the Museum for some time and have only now been able to complete the job.

Thanks for the blank vouchers, received this morning.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

<u>Bear Vouchers Enclosed</u>	
Canadian Bank of Commerce	\$45.00
H. Chambers	49.00
W. E. Duryea	9.00
John Jonas	7.00
Ernest Kirberger	31.00
Herbert Lee	10.00
Mackay & Dippie	8.00
C. H. McNeil	51.00
W. G. C. Manson	20.00
Fred Phillips	77.00
W. A. Shields	10.00
Taylor, Drury, Pedlar & Co.	112.00

March 18, 1921

Canadian Bank of Commerce,
Whitehorse, Yukon.

Dear Sirs:

In a few days a check of \$45.00 will be sent you from the Smithsonian Institution in payment for skulls of Grizzly Bears from the Kluane Lake region, shipped to us by Jacquot Bros. They requested that the check be sent you for deposit to their account.

Yours very truly,

C. Hart Merriam

March 18, 1921

Miss Susan A. Hutchinson,
Librarian, The Brooklyn Museum,
Eastern Parkway,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

My dear Miss Hutchinson:

Replying to your letter of the 16th instant,
just received, I take pleasure in sending you herewith
a copy of my 'Review of the Grizzly and Big Brown
Bears of North America'.

The larger work in preparation on these bears
will not be published under two years.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 19, 1921

Mr. H. E. Anthony,
American Museum of Natural History,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Anthony:

Very many thanks for your courtesy in sending me your recent papers on the natural history of Jamaica. I have just read with much interest and profit your 'Zoologist in Jamaica' and am delighted with the extreme beauty of some of the illustrations, particularly the one of mountain foliage drenched in mist.

Your technical paper on the new rodents is also of extreme interest, and I shall await with impatience the appearance of the fuller paper after the bones have been chiseled out and cleaned.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 19, 1921

Dr. George Bird Grinnell,
238 East 15th Street,
New York City.

Dear Grinnell:

I wonder if your eye has caught the 'Diary of Asahel Munger', a religious fanatic who made the overland journey from Ohio to Oregon in 1839. This is published in the Oregon Historical Society's Quarterly, Vol. 8, No. 4, pp. 387-405, December 1907. Munger mentions Shians on page 390, and again on page 392.

In looking over the July-September number of the American Anthropologist I was much interested to read your article, entitled 'Who Were the Padouca?'. For two or three years I have been collecting odds and ends relating to the Padouca but had not anywhere near so many references as you have cited.

I have also read with much interest your new book, 'When Buffalo Ran', but why didn't you mention your informant's tribe?

Are you not coming on here this spring?

As ever, yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 21, 1921

Daniel H. Newhall,
154 Nassau Street,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for Book List No. 151, 1921, from
which please send me:

'Zanita a Tale of the Yosemite', by Therese Yelverton.	\$2.75
'The First Emigrant Train to California', by John Bidwell.	1.25.

Yours very truly.

C. Hart Merriam

March 21, 1921

Mr. Vernon Bailey,
Continental, via Tucson,
Arizona.

Dear Bailey:

In looking over the journal of Asahel Munger's
trip across the plains on his way to Oregon in 1839 I
find several mammal references of interest. He mentions
antelope, elk and buffalo in northeastern Kansas, and
also has several records of buffalo for southern Idaho.
He found them in the Bear River country, and also at
several places between Bear River and old Fort Hall.
Still others were mentioned in the neighborhood of
Blackfoot Creek.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 23, 1921

Mr. W. de C. Ravenel,
Administrative Assistant
to the Secretary,
U. S. National Museum,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Ravenel:

Thanks for your memorandum of the 22d instant telling me that eighteen bear skulls have been received at the Museum from Chas. Goldstein & Company of Juneau, Alaska. I will examine them in a few days.

I have not ordered any skulls from the Goldstein Company, having learned from sad experience that many of the Alaska traders are untrustworthy as to the localities from which their skulls are alleged to come.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 24, 1921

Mr. Elton Clark,
18 Post Office Square,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Clark:

Replying to your letter of the 22d instant, just received, I regret to say that shortly after my belated return from California I was obliged to go to the hospital for a rather serious operation, from which I am now recovering. I am not able to stand long at a time, and therefore have been obliged to postpone the examination of the Big Bear skulls you so kindly sent from southeastern Alaska. I am gaining daily, however, and hope to get at your material within a week or ten days.

I shall, of course, be extremely thankful for an opportunity to examine your bearskins in connection with the skulls; hence shall be glad if you have them shipped at your convenience, addressed to the Biological Survey, Department of Agriculture, as usual (marked charges collect, of course).

It is now more than twenty years since I began to try to secure authentically labeled specimens of Big Bears from the part of the coast where yours were obtained, but without success. From this you may infer how anxious I am to study your material.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

E. H. Mather

March 24, 1921

Mr. Stephen T. Mather,
Director of National Parks,
Department of the Interior,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Mather:

Will you kindly have someone in your office inform me as to the approximate number of Elk now living on Middle Fork, Kaweah River, in the Sequoia National Park? If you have figures showing the accessions and increase of these Elk I should greatly appreciate a copy.

And can you tell me how many people, and how many automobiles, visited Yosemite during the season of 1920?

Very truly yours,

E. H. Mather

March 25, 1921

Professor B. W. Evermann,
Director, Academy of Sciences,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Doctor Evermann:

Were any Elk captured at Buttonwillow for distribution after 1915?

If I understand the matter correctly the Academy, under your direction, had charge of the 1914 and 1915 captures and distributions. More than this I do not know.

Among the photographs of the living animals at Buttonwillow I wonder if you have any face-on view of an old bull, showing the broad nostrils and lower part of the face in contrast with the relatively narrow face of the Rocky Mountain Elk. I am anxious to show this contrast, and should be greatly obliged if you could send me such a photograph.

I am getting on fairly well and hope to return to California before the middle of May.

With best wishes to you and your associates,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam
Mrs. J. S. Ogden, Sup't. in charge of Buttonwillow Ranch - 1914-1915
Can you give me the exact date of the 1914 + 1915 capture?
Published statement of the number captured in those 2 years
differs widely

March 25, 1921

Mr. Morris Ackerman,
c/o Rod & Gun in Canada,
Woodstock, Ontario.

My dear Sir:

Your brief but interesting article in the February number of 'Rod and Gun in Canada' is my excuse for writing.

You mention killing five Grizzlies in the Mount Robson region. This interests me greatly, as that region is the type locality of Ursus canadensis, a species described by me in 1914 from Moose Pass, and is also inhabited by several other species whose ranges have not been definitely ascertained.

I am anxious to see as many Grizzly skulls as possible from this region and am writing to ask if you would be willing to loan me the skulls of those killed by your party, so that I may have an opportunity to compare them with the specimens in our National Museum at Washington.

Will you kindly mention the localities where these Bears were killed?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 25, 1921

Major Charles S. Moody,
c/o Colonel J. A. McGuire,
Editor, Outdoor Life,
Denver, Colorado.

My dear Sir:

The April number of 'Outdoor Life' contains a brief article by you which strikes a particularly tender spot in my Bear bump. You mention the discovery of a mother Bear and her two cubs on Snake River. You do not mention the exact locality, but I venture a guess that it was not far from the ponds in the lava canyon a few miles below Shoshone Falls, Idaho. You do not give any real clue to the exact spot, and I may be way off. However, you have located a family of a very interesting animal--one I have been following up without much success for some years--namely, the Bear of the Snake plains and lava beds.

As a matter of fact, there appear to be two distinct types of Bears in this region--a Grizzly and a Black--both of which are of relatively small size for their kind. I have a young specimen of the Black type, though its color is by no means black, from the lava beds of Oregon; and a few years ago a Grizzly was sent me from near Minidoka, Idaho. Unfortunately, however, the express company lost track of it at Chicago and it never reached our National Museum.

I assume that the Bear you saw was a Black, not a Grizzly. Will you kindly give me the locality?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 25, 1921

Colonel J. A. McGuire,
Editor, Outdoor Life,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Colonel McGuire:

Will you kindly supply the address to the enclosed note for Major Charles S. Moody, whose account of three Bears on Snake River, in the April 'Outdoor Life', interests me greatly?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 26, 1921

Mr. Cabot Coville,
Deep Springs, Calif.
Big time to

Dear Cabot:

Many thanks for your letter of the 14th instant. I am always glad to hear from you, and I am glad also to know that you have tried so hard to locate some Panamint Shoshone Indians for me. You tell me that you have tried to get information from all the old Indians coming through the valley, but you forgot to tell me what tribe these old Indians belong to. This would be very helpful to me, and if it is not a secret I hope you will tell me in your next letter. I am most anxious to get all the information I can about any Indians in your general region and should like to know just where the different ones live. The tribe they belong to is also of importance, but they will not always tell that; many just call themselves Piutes. In any case ask them where they live.

Recently I have seen all three Washington members of your distinguished family. Frederick brought me home a few nights ago, and your father and mother did the same late yesterday afternoon after a lecture by ex-President Taft.

I agree with you that the arid desert is a great place, but do not care to live there in summer. You ought

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to see the redwoods, madrones and tree laurels of the Coast. But it is best that you should postpone this until you have done with the arid region or it might make you discontented.

Just now Mrs. Merriam is visiting her grandchild and Dorothy at Cambridge, while Zenaida and I are keeping house by ourselves.

Spring is just breaking here and the leaves are beginning to come out on the tulip trees.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. M. Merriam

March 26, 1921

Mr. Donald Dickey,
San Rafael Heights,
Pasadena, California.

Dear Mr. Dickey:

In response to your request about the file guides I am sending you herewith a sample set. Both the metal top and the cut edge pasteboard guides may be had, as you doubtless know, of different lengths of tabs for the headings. They are ordinarily supplied cut in 4s or 5s, some in 3s, to conform to the necessities of longer or shorter headings. I am sending only the short ones.

In reply to your inquiry as to classification, would say that this to me is almost a matter of indifference, for the reason that the steel file case labels mention the names of the families contained in each drawer. It makes little difference whether the families are arranged in alphabetic sequence or by orders. Personally I have grouped mine by orders, with the genera alphabetic under each order; the species alphabetic under each genus.

In cases where the file is to be used by several persons it is convenient to include in their alphabetic sequence cardboard guides for well-known genera whose names have been changed, such guides cross referring to the name used in the present file. Thus I would have a genus guide

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Arvicola, cross referring to Microtus.

As a matter of convenience in handling the generic material I usually begin with a left-hand tag, passing from left to right with subsequent genera.

Life is too short to waste time in trying to think where a thing is; therefore the simpler the system, the more useful. And it saves much valuable time to cross refer whenever necessary rather than copy records.

Your system gave me a sinking feeling, impressing me with its repetitions of detail, each requiring so much time that a large part of one's precious lifetime is consumed in copying or rewriting data.

What you tell me about the possibilities of research work in connection with one of the southern California museums interests me greatly. You are not very explicit as to details; but if the plan involves the pooling of manuscript notes by different naturalists, open to the use of all, I feel like uttering a word of warning. To my mind a naturalist's personal manuscript takes the place of a theologian's "immortal soul", and should be respected accordingly. While one may delight in placing his material at the disposal of another he surely deserves the privilege of saying just who that other shall be. But I may be way off in interpreting your meaning.

With best wishes to your mother and yourself,
Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 26, 1921

Superintendent of Documents,
Government Printing Office,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Will you kindly inform me if you can supply
the two following publications, and if so at what price?

Geary, E. R. Depredations and Massacres by
the Snake River Indians. 36 Cong. 2d Sess., House
Doc. 46, 1861.

Dixon, Joseph. Topographic Memoir of Command
against the Snake Indians under Major Steen in 1860,
with Map. Report, Secretary of War, 37 Cong. 2d Sess.,
Senate Doc. 1, Vol. 2, pp. 528 et seq.

Very truly yours,

E. Hart

March 28, 1921

Mr. A. I. Ortenburger,
Museum of Zoology,
University of Michigan,
Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 23d instant I take pleasure in sending you the few papers I have on the subjects mentioned and regret that others are exhausted.

For the several numbers of 'North American Fauna' containing matter on Reptiles you will have to apply to Dr. E. W. Nelson, Chief of the Biological Survey.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 28, 1921

Mr. Joe Duset,
Gardiner, Montana.

Dear Sir:

Your letter addressed to the Smithsonian Institution has been referred to me for reply.

I am glad to purchase skulls of Grizzly Bears from the Yellowstone region, but am particularly anxious to get skulls of old males. Skulls of females and young are much less valuable. However, if you send those you have on hand I will make you an offer for them. Please attach to each skull a tag stating where it was killed and the approximate date. The skulls should be carefully packed to prevent breakage in transit, and shipped by express, charges collect, addressed, 'U. S. Biological Survey, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.'

Yours very truly,

C. Hart Merriam

March 28, 1921

Mr. Stephen T. Mather,
Director, National Park Service,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Mather:

Very many thanks for your courtesy and promptness in replying to my inquiry about the Elk in Sequoia National Park.

In 1904 I had the elk fence built across the mouth of the canyon of Middle Fork, and in November of that year went to Buttonwillow with the expectation of securing a large number of animals. But, as you may remember, the Elk refused to be driven into the corral and only a few were captured. These were roped, not driven. Most of them died. The few that were left I took to the elk park on Middle Fork Kaweah, about the middle of November 1904.

In 1905, profiting by the failure of the previous year, James Ogden, superintendent of the Miller and Lux ranch, adopted a different plan. Instead of attempting to drive the animals collectively they were chased individually and roped by vaqueros. Nearly 30 were captured, of which 20 reached the elk park alive, forming a fine nucleus for a herd. This happened about the middle of October 1905.

Thanks for the information in regard to Yosemite travel in 1920.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Mearns -

March 28, 1921

Mr. H. H. Pittman,
Hartney, Manitoba.

Dear Mr. Pittman:

Your letter of the 24th instant with enclosed photographs reached me today. Assuming that the purchase price \$2.00 each carries with it the privilege of reproduction, as heretofore, I am glad to keep five of the pictures, as follows: 2 Jack-rabbit, and one each of Shrew, Striped Ground Squirrel and young Franklin Ground Squirrel. A check of \$10.00 in payment will be sent you the first of the month from my account in the Smithsonian Institution.

Complying with the request for the common and scientific names of the mammals, I take pleasure in submitting the following:

Coyote--Canis latrans;

White Jack-rabbit--Lepus campestris;

Striped Ground Squirrel--Citellus trydecemlineatus;

Franklin Ground Squirrel (the one you call Bush Gopher)
--Citellus franklini;

Shrew--Sorex (probably S. personatus but cannot be sure of species without the skull). *S. personatus*

The photographs not wanted are returned herewith.

Thanking you for sending them to me,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Mearns -

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March 29, 1921

Mr. W. I. Adams,
Chief Accountant, Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Adams:

Miss Evelyn Morey has been employed as stenographer in my office beginning March 9, and I expect she will continue in this position until I leave for California. I shall be obliged, therefore, if you will kindly send her salary checks until further notice to Apartment 701, The Northumberland, at the rate of \$120 per month. The period covered for the present month will extend from March 9 to 31 inclusive.

Very truly yours,

E. M. Adams

March 31, 1921

Mr. W. I. Adams,
Chief Accountant, Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Adams:

Enclosed herewith is my expense account for the
month of March, amounting to \$16.32, and bills from

Chas. G. Stott & Co., for paper. \$6.25

Byron S. Adams, for 500 letterheads. 8.00

H. H. Pittman, Hartney, Manitoba,
for 5 photographs of small mammals 10.00

J. W. Scollick, for cleaning Bear
skulls. 5.25

Zenaida Merriam, services as assis-
tant. 33.25

which I shall be glad if you will kindly pay as usual
from the Harriman Fund.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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1919 - 16th St., Washington, D. C.

Expense Account for Month of March 1921:		Sub- Voucher	
March 10	Subscription Boonville Herald for Year 1921	1	2 00
	2 Stenographic Notebooks	2	30
March 25	Daniel H. Newhall - Books	3	4 00
" "	Canadian Forestry Magazine for 1921		1 00
	1 Dry Cell for Office Bell		50
	Postage		1 52
	Northumberland Janitor		1 00
	Charwoman for Cleaning Office Apartment	4	5 00
	Electric Current, Jan. 24 to Feb. 22	5	1 00
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C. Hart Merriam

March 31, 1921

Mr. W. I. Thayer,
Thayer Garage,
San Rafael, California.

Dear Mr. Thayer:

Will you kindly send me the license certificate attached to the front of the front compartment of my car in your garage, so that I may send the same to the Motor Vehicle Department for my 1921 license?

We expect to return to California early in May.

We have had a phenomenally mild and open winter, with hardly any snow and not enough rain.

With best wishes to you all,

Very truly yours,

C. Holt

March 31, 1921

Motor Vehicle Department,

Sacramento, California.

Dear Sirs:

My Chevrolet car, 1920 License No. 450-148, is in storage in the Thayer Garage at San Rafael.

I expect to return to California in May and in due time will send you my 1920 certificate of registration in order to obtain a license for 1921, but I am at a loss as to the amount to be paid. For a number of years it has been necessary to pay only for the period of use--the period of my stay in California--but on the circular you sent me some time ago entitled, 'How to Apply for Renewal of Motor Vehicle License', I do not find anything relating to payments for parts of a year. Am I to infer that the law has been changed and that it is now necessary to pay for the full year?

I should be obliged for a copy of the new law.

Very truly yours,

C. Holt

April 1, 1921

Mr. John Oliver La Gorce,
National Geographic Society,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. La Gorce:

Thanks for your letter of March 28 with the accompanying papers on your new Miami Aquarium. I have perused these with much interest, and had previously taken much pleasure in looking at the beautiful colored pictures of tropical fishes when they appeared in the Geographic Magazine.

If the work of the Aquarium is to be confined to fishes, the presence on your Advisory Committee of Dr. B. W. Evermann, Dr. Hugh M. Smith, Dr. Charles H. Townsend and Dr. Carl H. Eigenmann, would inspire great confidence in students of ichthyology; but if the unsurpassed opportunities for the study of marine invertebrates are to be taken advantage of, one is almost startled by the absence of anyone familiar with invertebrate zoology.

Your account of the origin of the Miami Aquarium and Laboratory is most interesting, and speaks volumes for your own enthusiasm and perseverance. It seems to me that you have already established and equipped a wonderfully complete establishment for marine work, and that the location you have selected is not excelled in the whole world.

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Your success in obtaining moving pictures of the Bahama flamingos, and in securing governmental protection for the colony, are matters of sincere congratulation.

Referring to the last paragraph of your letter, in which you invite me to become a member of the Advisory Committee, I feel that, while I should be glad at any time to be of service, my lines of work during the past forty years have been wholly in other fields than those covered by seaside aquaria and laboratories. In fact, it is more than forty-five years since I was one of Professor Baird's assistants in the marine laboratory established by him in connection with the Fish Commission work at Woods Hole, Mass.; and since I visited the Bay of Fundy for the sole purpose of collecting invertebrates.

Since that long-ago period my scientific work has been with terrestrial vertebrates, plants, and Indians.

With renewed congratulations and best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. H. Eigenmann

P.S. I am returning herewith the letter from Mr. Grant, Governor of the Bahamas, notifying you of the protection accorded the flamingo.

April 4, 1921

Mr. Stanley G. Jewett,
515 Post Office Building,
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Mr. Jewett:

Thanks for your letter of March 29, just received.

In striving to secure specimens of the so-called
Lava Beds Bear don't hold in your mind's eye the McKendrick
cub as the type, as this specimen may be abnormal.

What I want to get hold of is some specimens of
Bears from the open treeless parts of Oregon, irrespective
of their appearance. They may be black, just like the forest
Bears, but if different their skulls or teeth will tell the
story. Hence if you have sent in or in future send in
specimens collected within the lava beds area, or anywhere
in the treeless parts of eastern Oregon, please notify me
as to the localities where they were killed and I will
examine the specimens with much interest.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart

April 4, 1921

Mr. Joe Hendricks,
Ashton, Idaho.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of March 13 and for
your trouble in sending the skull of a Bear. It is
a Black Bear, not a Grizzly, and unfortunately the
skull is badly damaged and lacks the under jaws. I
am enclosing \$1.00 in payment for it.

Grizzly Bear skulls from Idaho are worth
more than those from the coast region of Alaska, as
we already have several hundred from Alaska.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart

April 6, 1921

Mr. Donald Phillips,
Jasper, Alberta.

Dear Sir:

Have you any skulls of Grizzly Bears from the Rocky Mountain region of Canada, or can you procure any during the coming season? If so, I should be glad to purchase them. I am anxious to obtain skulls of adult male Grizzlies from the foothills region east of the Mountains, and also from the Mountains and the region westward.

I have in previous years obtained a few skulls from the neighborhood of Jasper and Henry House, and also from the Mount Robson region, but have not been able to get hold of enough skulls of adult males to enable me to work out the characters of the species and their ranges.

Skulls of young Bears (two to four years old) are worth \$5 or \$6 each; skulls of adult females, \$8; skulls of adult males, \$10 to \$15 each according to age and condition.

In case you are able to secure any, please label each skull for locality where killed, sex and approximate

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date of killing when known, and your own name and address. Please ship by express, charges collect, addressed, 'U. S. Biological Survey, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.'

How far east do Grizzlies range at the present time? And do you know of any trustworthy records of their occurrence still farther east in the past?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 6, 1921

My dear Deane:

Your letter of March 28 was very welcome. We thought of you when passing through Chicago on our way home from California January 24, but had only an hour between trains. We had a long season on the Coast and did a great deal of field work, but were interrupted by preternaturally early rains--more than 43 inches fell at our place at Lagunitas before we left on January 20, and one day we had more than 6 inches in 23 hours.

Yes, I strained myself in packing a heavy log, and had to take a turn on the dissecting table; but I am all right now and can walk a couple of miles without undue fatigue if I do not push ahead too fast.

Glad you are interested in grandchildren. We have the finest one in the United States--at least so her grandma believes. She is still living in Cambridge with her mother and father.

Yes, we all miss Will Brewster and shall continue to do so as long as we live. Was pained also to learn of Burroughs' death, although it is not surprising that a man of his age should drop off.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Deane, as ever,
Yours,

Mr. Ruthven Deane,
Room 509, 112 West Adams Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

April 6, 1921

Dr. E. W. Nelson,
Chief, U. S. Biological Survey,
Department of Agriculture,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Nelson:

Claude T. Barnes, of Salt Lake City, has insisted for several years that there is a band of Mountain Goats at the head of Blacks Fork on the north slope of the Uinta Mountains. I mentioned this to your predatory animal inspector from that region, at a Biological meeting a year or so ago, and he seemed to concur in the belief. I, however, am hard to convince and shall continue to be an unbeliever until converted by evidence in the shape of specimens.

Can you not put it up to one of your men to furnish the desired proof or disproof?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart

April 6, 1921

Mr. J. P. Harrington,
Secretary, Anthropological Society
of Washington,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Harrington:

In compliance with your request of yesterday I
take pleasure in appointing the two committees mentioned,
to report at the next meeting of the Anthropological
Society:

Nominating Committee: Professor Holmes, Dr.
Fewkes and Dr. Hough

Auditing Committee: Neumann, La Flesche and
Fewkes.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam
President
Anthropological Society

April 6, 1921

Mr. James L. Clark,
1160 Southern Boulevard,
Bronx, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Clark:

The Bear skull mentioned in your letter of
April 1 as forwarded at the request of Mr. Mallinckrodt,
of St. Louis, arrived today, for which I am very much
obliged.

Yours very truly,

C. Hart Merriam

April 7, 1921

Mr. John S. Manning,
5214 Baum Block,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 5, I take pleasure in sending you most of the publications asked for and a few others that may prove of interest to you.

You are a great hand to ask questions, some of which are easy to answer, others unanswerable.

As to the White Bear of southwest British Columbia, described as Ursus kermodei, it appears to be an albino.

The so-called Glacier Bear, Ursus ammonsii, also appears to be a variable color phase of the Black Bear.

As to the Mountain Sheep, this group has not yet been monographed; but we are gradually collecting material which we hope in a few years will admit of final conclusions as to the various forms. You seem to suffer from a rather common malady in laying great stress on whether a form is a full species or only a sub-species. What difference does it make so long as they are well differentiated forms? I certainly would not assume, in the present state of knowledge, to say whether the various forms you mention are or are not full species. We do not yet know whether Ovis sierrae is

distinct from Ovis californicus from the state of Washington. Ovis stonei and fannini are said on good authority to grade into one another, and also into the White Sheep, Ovis dalli.

Our leading American authority on the Mammals of Eurasia is Gerrit S. Miller, of the National Museum.

As to the addresses you ask for, that of Ernest Harold Baynes is given as Meriden, N. H.; that of Dr. Edgar A. Mearns is more difficult, as he died several years ago.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart

April 7, 1921

Professor B. W. Evermann,
Director, Academy of Sciences,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Professor Evermann:

Very many thanks for your courtesy and promptness in replying so fully to my inquiry about the Buttonwillow Elk. I am glad also to have your publications on the subject and for the opportunity to look over your excellent series of photographs. These I am returning herewith.

Since, however, you kindly offer to have a set printed for me, I shall be thankful if you will kindly have prints made, at my expense of course, of seven, namely, Nos. 3, 10, 11, 15, 19, 20 and 28.

I have just read with much interest your articles on these Elk in 'California Fish and Game', and am delighted to see that you have secured so much original information concerning the former range of Elk in the Coast region. The question of species, as you suggest, is an important one in this connection, but very difficult to settle at this late day.

For many years I have felt that the Point Reyes Elk was Carvna roosevalti, not nannodes. Its range doubtless extended continuously in the Coast forests from Marin County

northerly through Sonoma and Mendocino to Humboldt. If old antlers of the Coast Elk can be had it may be possible to determine the species, though of course it would be much easier if one had skulls as well as antlers.

I do not find in your letter or publications the exact dates of the Buttonwillow Elk captures of 1915 and 1914. You mention that in 1914 the corral was completed in October, but do not mention the date of the captures. The same seems to be true of 1915.

It just occurs to me to ask if the Academy's library has a set of my separates on Mammals, Birds, and other subjects. If not, I shall be glad to send such as still remain in hand.

With best wishes and renewed thanks for your trouble,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 7, 1921

Mr. E. Mallinckrodt, Jr.,
St. Louis, Missouri.

My dear Mr. Mallinckrodt:

The skull of your big male Ursus gyas arrived today, having just been shipped by James L. Clark, of Bronx. It certainly is a whopper--the largest, I feel reasonably sure, that I have ever seen. It measures about three quarters of an inch longer than the longest skull in our collection and certainly is a magnificent specimen. The great length is in the facial part of the skull, the basal part measuring the same as in other specimens. It is a great joy to be able to add this skull to the series in our National collection. I assume that you killed it on Pavlov Bay. Do you remember the exact date?

The skull of the old she Bear, mother of the two cubs, killed by you on May 27, was sent in by Murgatroyd before my return from California; but owing to my recent illness I was not able to examine it until a few days ago. It is a typical female gyas, so that the cubs in your Zoo may be so labeled.

I assume that the circumstance that all of your skulls and those of Mr. Steedman are gyas is the result of your killing only the biggest Bears; otherwise it would be

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strange if you had not also obtained specimens of kidderi.

I can now answer your question as to whether an eyeshot would reach the brain when the Bear was looking straight at you. No, such a shot cannot possibly reach the brain if the Bear is looking directly at you. If, however, the head is turned a little to one side an eyeshot would be almost certain to hit the brain.

Relating to the difficulty of landing a bullet in the brain it may be remarked, as I think I wrote you from Lagunitas, that the relatively small size of the brain in comparison with the large area of the skull is confusing, if not deceptive. This is due largely to the extensive area of honeycomblike bone cells between the front part of the brain and the upper surface of the skull of the forehead. This series of air chambers corresponds to our frontal sinus.

Many published measurements of Bear skulls require explanation as to the method of measurement, for if the measurement is taken over the curve of the skull from nose to occipital crest the measurement will be considerably greater than that taken in a straight line between the same points. We measure the straight distance between vertical uprights placed at the two ends of the skull. Measured in this way your magnificent old male gives the rather astonishing length of 18½ inches.

Again thanking you for your most valuable addition to our collection, and regretting my long delay in replying.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 7, 1921

Mr. E. H. Steedman,
Curtis & Co. Manufacturing Co.,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Mr. Steedman:

On visiting the Museum after my belated return from California and subsequent stay in the hospital I was greatly delighted to find the three skulls of male Ursus gyas killed by you in the Pavlof Bay region and generously presented to our National collection. They were sent in by Murgatroyd on September 25, without numbers or tags of any kind, but fortunately are easily identified by your description. All are typical Ursus gyas, the two old males showing the usual variation in size exhibited by this species. Your largest male was among the largest in our collection until yesterday, when we received from James L. Clark, of New York, the long-looked-for skull of Mr. Mallinckrodt's big Bear, concerning which you wrote me last summer. It proves of unusual interest, being the largest (meaning longest) skull of Ursus gyas that I have ever seen.

Mr. Mallinckrodt's old female, mother of the two cubs, also mentioned in your letters, proves to be a perfectly typical old female Ursus gyas.

Taken together this series of gyas, collected by yourself and Mr. Mallinckrodt, forms one of the most valuable

additions to our collection, comprising as it does three superb old males, one fully adult female, and one young-adult male, all killed at approximately the same date in the same general locality. The young-adult male, killed by Mrs. Steedman, is of much interest inasmuch as it shows the skull characters of a nearly full-grown male of the species. The bodies of these young-adult Bears are sometimes as large as those of the old bulls. I greatly appreciate your generosity in presenting these skulls. I am writing Mr. Mallinckrodt by this mail.

With best wishes and renewed thanks,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart

April 7, 1921

Mr. A. C. McCain,
Forest Supervisor,
Jackson, Wyoming.

My dear Sir:

Last summer while I was in California you sent in a skull of a Grizzly Bear from Pacific Creek in the Teton National Forest. The back part of the skull was shattered; at the same time I am very glad to have it and will pay \$10 for it. A check for this amount will be sent you from my account in the Smithsonian Institution about the first of May.

Should you secure any other skulls of Grizzlies, particularly old males, I should appreciate an opportunity to purchase them.

Thanking you for your interest in the matter.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

April 7, 1921

Mr. Morris Ackerman,
Marion Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Ackerman:

Very many thanks for your letter of the 2d instant referring me to Donald Phillips, of Jasper. I have written him in relation to the possibility of obtaining skulls of Grizzly Bears from the Canadian Rockies and adjacent region.

Phillips is a man I have often heard of as competent and trustworthy. I think I wrote him several years ago, but had no reply.

Thanking you for your kind interest in the matter.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

April 8, 1921

Professor Robert F. Griggs,
National Geographic Society,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Professor Griggs:

Many thanks for your letter of the 4th instant, telling me that your party killed two Bears in 1919 and offering to have the skulls sent me for examination.

If they are adult males I should be very glad to see them; but if immature it would hardly be worth while, for the reason that young skulls do not usually show the characters of the species.

Many thanks for the papers sent. I am particularly interested in the one on Birds. This leads me to ask if a collection was made of the small Mammals, and if so whether Professor Hine is preparing a report on them.

Very truly yours,

April 8, 1921

Mr. George S. Forderer,
President, California State Automobile Association,
1622 Van Ness Avenue,
San Francisco, California.

My dear Sir:

Your communication in relation to increasing the dues to \$12 a year has just reached me, having been forwarded from my summer place at Lagunitas. In view of the splendid work the Association is doing I shall be glad to contribute my share in the way of the increased dues.

But I regret to see that the Association letterheads bear the obnoxious abbreviation Cal. for the Golden State. Cal. stands for calomel and calamity, but is it not a pity to use it for the most glorious state in the Union? Calif. carries with it the feeling of the state's name, and is the official abbreviation fixed by the Government Geographic Board and adopted by the Post Office Department.

With best wishes for the success of the Association,

Very truly yours,

April 8, 1921

Dr. Hugh M. Smith,
Commissioner, Bureau of Fisheries,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Smith:

Can you tell me anything about a publication issued in 1896 referred to as 'E. C. Stone's Little Monthly Sheet'? It is said to contain a reference to spearing salmon by the McLeod River Indians. If I had the correct title I could doubtless look it up in the Congressional Library.

Again thanking you for your kind letter to the Superintendent of the Hatchery at Baird,

Very truly yours,

C. H. H. H.

April 8, 1921

Natural Resources Intelligence Branch,
Department of Interior,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sirs:

Your March list of publications available for distribution mentions several which I should be very glad to have if you have copies to spare. Any of those mentioned below will be thankfully received.

Very truly yours,

C. H. H. H.

Resources Map of Canada

British Columbia Railway Belt Homestead Map

Bulletin entitled 'The Unexploited West', with Maps

The Peace River District, with Maps

Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta Natural Resources

Athabasca to the Bay, with Map

April 8, 1921

Mr. L. A. Lambert,
Picabo, Idaho.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of the 4th instant, just received. I am glad to know that you have the skull of a large female Grizzly from Laidlow Park. But I do not find this place on our map of Idaho, nor is the name Laidlow in the Postal Guide. Will you kindly tell me where it is?

I have no facilities for having the skins of Bears mounted; but I sometimes furnish dummy skulls, or what is still better, sets of celluloid Bear's teeth, made in moulds from actual specimens by James L. Clark, of Bronx, N. Y. These teeth come in blocks ready for setting in to the artificial skull which the taxidermist builds into the skin of the head. If your taxidermist would like a set of these Grizzly teeth I will purchase and send you a set, and I will also pay you \$10 for the skull, if this is satisfactory.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 11, 1921

Dr. Walter K. Fisher,
Biological Laboratory,
Monterey, California.

Dear Walter:

In shuffling a lot of pamphlets recently I was impressed by the fact that I have a very large number of publications on Invertebrates, and also a considerable number on Fishes. A material percentage of these are publications of the National Museum and Fish Commission; but others are from all sorts of places in this country and abroad and many of them date back to a period before your smiling countenance helped ornament our sphere.

It occurs to me that these publications might be of use to you in your Biological Laboratory. If so, it will give me pleasure to box them up and ship them by freight. If you want them, send me shipping instructions.

We have had a remarkably warm open winter, almost free from snow, as you have doubtless learned from your paternal ancestor. The leaves on the city trees are now more than half-grown. Nevertheless, we are planning to go back to California and hope to set out not later than the middle of May. I regretted not seeing you last season and hope for better luck during the present year.

With best wishes,
Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 12, 1921

Mr. E. L. Moseley,
Normal College,
Bowling Green, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 10th instant is at hand. I am glad to know that your interest in Mammals is so genuine that you have prepared a Natural History of the Mammals of the central and eastern states. You have undertaken a pretty big job. You are, of course, welcome to quote anything you like from my 'Mammals of the Adirondacks' or any other of my published writings.

But I cannot take time to read your manuscript, as I am pushing as hard as I can to complete work in hand before returning to Californis in the near future. - It would be well worth while, however, to have it read if possible by some authority on Mammals, such as N. Hollister, Superintendent of the National Zoological Park at Washington, Dr. H. H. T. Jackson, of the Biological Survey, E. A. Preble, of the same Survey, or any other well-known mammalogist.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 12, 1921

Dr. Frank M. Chapman,
American Museum of Natural History,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Chapman:

Thanks for your invitation to be present at the Museum on the 15th instant for the purpose of meeting the committee charged with the formation of a John Burroughs Memorial Association. I shall not be able to be with you, but you have my best wishes.

Like thousands of other good Americans I was pained to learn of Burroughs's death, although it was no great surprise as the fact of his illness had been repeatedly mentioned in the papers. He lived to a splendid old age, and his life and writings have been and will be in future a lasting benefit to very many of our people.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 16, 1921

Mr. C. B. Griffin,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

A letter has just come from Glacier National Park, signed Two Guns White Calf, stating that a delegation of Blackfeet are due here in the near future. I shall be very glad to see them, for the reason that many years ago I numbered among my friends some of the best men of the tribe--the old chief White Calf, Brockey, Little Plume, White Antelope, Bull Calf, and one or two others.

The time is unfortunate, as I am just now overwhelmed with work in connection with certain important meetings and at the same time visitors from California. I shall try, however, to see you all.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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April 18, 1921

Mr. O. B. Dreusike,
330 Tenth Street,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Sir:

In response to your letter of the 12th instant,
this day received, I take pleasure in contributing here-
with \$10.00 to the fund for the aid of Mrs. Matilda Greife.

As you say, she has always helped those in
distress and has always shown a kindly generous spirit.
We earnestly trust that she may recover.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 25, 1921

Dr. John C. Merriam, President
Carnegie Institution of Washington

Dear Dr. Merriam:

Your letter of the 21st inst. enclosing a communication from President Campbell of the University of Oregon is at hand.

Professor Campbell is anxious to secure funds for the publication of a card index of geographic names in the United States, prepared by William G. Steel.

I do not happen to know anything about the character or thoroughness of Mr. Steel's work, although I have known the man himself for nearly 30 years. But I do know that one of the crying needs of America at this time is a reliable gazeteer, or better still a series of historic gazeteers of the various states.

Years ago I undertook the preparation of such a work for the state of California and am adding to it from time to time, but at present see no prospect of its completion.

Such a work, it seems to me, should be prepared by paid assistants under competent supervision, by the U. S. Geographic Board or the Geological Survey. Unfortunately however, the Geographic Board has no funds whatever, and the Geological Survey no fund available for the purpose.

Most of our existing gazeteers are antiquated and incomplete, rarely giving origin or date of original use of a name, and still

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more rarely giving a reference to the original source of publication.

For nearly 50 years I have been interested in the matter of place names in western America, and during the past 30 years have given special attention to those mentioned by early explorers, and to the changes of names, unfortunately very numerous, that have taken place in comparatively recent times.

Regretting that there seems to be no fund available by means of which such historic gazeteers as are needed can be prepared or published,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 25, 1921

The Hon. F. C. C. Lynch
Supt. Natural Resources Intelligence Branch
Department Interior, Ottawa, Canada

Dear Sir:

Very many thanks for your courtesy in
sending mereports and maps of regions in Western Canada,
in compliance with my request. They will be very useful.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

April 25, 1921

Mr. C. S. Sloane
Secretary U. S. Geographic Board
Census Office, Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Sloane:

Thanks for yours of the 20th inst. enclosing a
clipping from the New York Herald of April 17, entitled "Another
Side of the Tacoma Dispute."

This is one of the most foolish articles I have seen in a
long time. The author, who signs himself George M. Walker, attri-
butes to Chinese origin a considerable number of geographic names
in the western part of the United States because of the resemblance
of certain syllables to corresponding syllables or names in the
Chinese language. If he ^{had} tried, he could have done the same thing
with any language on earth.

The really funny thing about this kind of logic is that the
authors seem to forget that the areas covered by the names they cite
embrace the territory of a large number of tribes speaking lan-
guages wholly unintelligible to one another. In order to make this
theory tenable therefore, we must adopt the view that the Chinese
language covered a large part of the American continent before
the languages of the present tribes were differentiated! The
pity is ^{that} newspapers of wide circulation are willing to print such
twaddle.

The clipping is herewith returned,

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam -

April 25, 1921

Superintendent of Documents
Government Printing Office
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your reply of April 12 to my inquiry as to Joseph Dixon's Topographic Memoir of Command against the Snake Indians in 1860, with map. This you tell me you can still supply in the report of the Secretary of War, 1860, at \$1.80. (Report, Secretary of War, 37 Cong., 2d Sess., Senate Doc. 1, Vol. 2, pp. 528 et seq.)

This amount is enclosed herewith. I shall be obliged if you will kindly send a copy to me at 1919 Sixteenth Street.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam -

April 27, 1921

Mr. H. H. Laughlin
La Jolla, Calif.

Dear Mr. Laughlin:

Your letter of the 12th reached me a few days ago.

No, I fear it will be impracticable for me to exhibit my pictures of California Indians at the International Eugenics Congress to be held in New York next fall.

I am now getting ready to go back to California and do not expect to return until some time in the winter.

With best wishes for the success of your Congress,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

April 27, 1921

Miss Lucile Cochran
1 East 69th Street
New York City

Dear Miss Cochran:

Replying to your letter of yesterday, please say to Mrs. Harriman that I have written to Mr. C. E. Graves today conveying her message with respect to his scheme for a Nature Library.

I do not know this Mr. Graves and find on consulting my copy books that I have written him only once -- more than two years ago. A copy of my letter is enclosed herewith.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Harriman,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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February 21, 1919

Mr. C. Edward Graves
Librarian, Minnesota Historical Soc.,
St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Mr. Graves:

Replying to your letter of the 17th inst. with accompanying outline of a plan for a Nature Library, would say that in general I heartily approve your scheme, and should be glad to see a series of such libraries established.

I am too busy to give attention to details, but you seem to have covered the subject very thoroughly.

With best wishes.

Very truly yours,

[Signed] C. Hart Merriam

April 27, 1921

Mr. C. E. Graves
Hood River, Oregon

My dear Mr. Graves:

Mrs. E. H. Harriman wishes
me to write you that while she hopes your plan
for a Nature Library will succeed, it is impossi-
ble for her to take part in it.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 27, 1921

Dr. Hugh M. Smith
Commissioner of Fisheries
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Smith:

Thanks for your letter of the 12th
inst. telling me about the little publication of E. C.
Stone, concerning which I had previously failed to find
any information.

If you happen to locate a copy of the publication
in question, I should appreciate an opportunity to
consult it.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 27, 1921

Mr. Herbert I. Schwarz
Editor Natural History
American Museum of Natural History
New York City

My dear Mr. Schwarz:

Replying to your letter of the
12th inst., would say that my interest in Natural History
is none the less under your editorship, and in case I
turn out something appropriate, I shall be glad to send
it to you.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

April 27, 1921

Mr. W. I. Adams
Accountant
Smithsonian Institution

Dear Mr. Adams:

Miss Evelyn Morey, stenographer,
is no longer employed in my office. Her salary check
for April, at the rate of \$120 per month as requested
in my letter of March 29, should cover the period
from April 1 - 21 inclusive, and should be sent to
her at 1908 Sixteenth Street, Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

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April 27, 1921

Mr. J. P. Harrington
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Harrington:

Many thanks for your courtesy in sending me a copy of your excellent poem on Miss Gordon Cumming's picture of Yosemite Indians. The water is the Merced River, as correctly given by you.

The poem is full of feeling and pays tribute to so many features of the drawing that I wonder at your memory. The picture evidently impressed you as it does me.

When you have published the poem, I should be glad if you would give me the privilege of reprinting it in the little book I hope to publish on Yosemite Indians.

With best wishes.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 27, 1921

Mr. J. Eugene Law
Museum of Comparative Zoology
University of California
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Mr. Law:

Please pardon my tardy acknowledgment of your letter of the 6th inst. I appreciate your kindness in telling me of the skin and skull of the Black Bear from Corvallis, Montana, but I am not particularly interested as we have a number of specimens from that region.

I envy your expected visit with Allan Brooks, and shall hope to see him myself during the summer if he will be in California. We hope to reach Lagunitas soon after the middle of May, the exact date depending on the prospective moving of my office -- a highly disagreeable necessity. The apartment house in which my office is located is selling its apartments to individual owners, and inasmuch as I am not in the line for purchase I am invited to get out.

Trusting that you and Mrs. Law will have a good field season and that we shall see you again at Lagunitas in the fall, with best wishes to you both,

Very truly yours

E. Hart Merriam

April 27, 1921

Mr. Gerrit S. Miller, Jr.
U. S. National Museum
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Miller:

Referring to your note of yesterday and our conversation of this morning, would say that I have just looked over my photographs of grizzly skulls of the horribilis group and find that the Biological Survey has excellent negatives of a fine male topotype of Ursus horribilis, No. 202739 from Missouri Brakes, Northeastern Montana; and also corresponding photographs of the skull of the type of Ursus imperator, an old male No. 176297, from the Yellowstone National Park.

In each case there are three views of the skull --top, bottom, and side -- and also exact size photographs of both upper and lower series of teeth. Prints of these could doubtless be obtained from the Biological Survey.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

April 28, 1921.

Dear Dr. Stone:

Your letter of the 26th grieves me and has the same effect on all of our mammal men here in the city, as we had counted on your smiling countenance at the coming meeting. We shall hope, however, to see you on your way north from Kentucky.

I am told that Joseph Grinnell has arrived from California, but have not seen him yet. It is good that he could come.

A few days ago I looked over the last "Auk" and was much interested in a number of notes and also in a few other things.

I do not know how it is with you young fellows, but I find it confusing that the head-line-titles of General Notes are in the same type as the names of species. This, in connection with the circumstance that separate notes are not separated by enough space, makes it difficult for me to observe quickly where one note stops and the next begins. On looking closely, I sometimes find that I had attributed two or three to the same man when they were really by different authors. On pages 281-282 of the last issue, there seems to be a cog missing, the title of the first note call-

Dr. Stone

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ing for Breeding birds of Washington, D. C., followed, without the name of any author, with something on the birds of Ann Arbor. This raises the question as to whether there is not a mixture of matter not provided for by the prohibition laws.

You certainly did well in digging up that letter of Cassin's. It is mighty interesting.

And your reviews are most alluring. You indeed possess the faculty of summing up the qualities of a paper in a way that is highly satisfactory to the reader who is pressed for time. I was particularly impressed with the timeliness of of your remarks on a certain publication relating to the Starling. It is a pity to see these lapses in the work of the Survey.

How about the List of members? If you have any extras in stock I would like one for the sake of the addresses.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dr. Witmer Stone,
Academy of Natural Sciences,
Philadelphia, Pa.

April 28, 1921.

Mr. J. W. King,
American Radiator Co.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter (G-221) of the 18th instant in regard to my previous inquiry concerning the Ideal-Arcola heater, would say that "our local Branch" has not been heard from.

Some time ago, however, I wrote you asking if any of your heaters were equipped for burning oil, but have had no reply. I have a bungalow in California which at times needs a moderate amount of heat, but the dirt and ashes of coal fuel would be out of the question in my living room. If, however, your Pacific coast heaters, like so many furnaces in California, are equipped to burn oil or kerosene, I should be glad to know about them. In any case, you may refer me to your representative in San Francisco as I expect to reach California in a few weeks.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 28, 1921.

Dr. Charles S. Moody,

Menan, Idaho.

Dear Dr. Moody:

Very many thanks for your letter of the 9th instant in reply to my inquiry about the place in Idaho where you found the bears concerning which you wrote such an interesting account. The locality is considerably higher up the river than the one I had in mind.

I am glad to know that you believe that bears are still to be found on the Snake River Plains. If you learn of any positive localities, I shall be obliged if you will kindly let me know, particularly if they happen to be grizzlies.

Thanking you for your courtesy in writing,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 28, 1921.

Mr. Donald Phillips,
Jasper, Alberta.

Dear Sir:

Very many thanks for your letter of the 16th instant in reply to my inquiry about grizzly bear skulls. I am glad to know that if any grizzlies are killed on your forthcoming trip, you will cache the skulls and pack them in later. This will be splendid!

About the easterly range of the grizzly: I did not refer particularly to the present time, but to any time in the past. What I am anxious to find out is, how far east of the mountains the grizzly bear ranged, say a hundred years ago. I am glad to have your record for the open country around Edmonton.

I am particularly interested in your statement that grizzlies "killed a lot of moose last spring on the head of the Big Salmon while snow was deep in March and April." Did they kill full adult moose, and about how many do you suppose were killed?

You were kind enough to enclose a couple of photographs, one showing a she-bear and two cubs, the other some caribou, sheep, and moose heads along with several hides of bears. Would you be good enough to tell me where these two photographs were taken?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 29, 1921.

Dear Professor Griggs:

Various interruptions have delayed me in acknowledging your letter of the 12th instant. I am glad to know that Professor Hoge collected some small mammals in the Katmai region. These are likely to comprise species of considerable interest even if the collection is small. I am wondering, therefore, if you could not have the specimens sent to the Biological Survey for examination.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Professor Robert F. Griggs,
c/o National Geographic Society,
Washington, D. C.

April 29, 1921.

Dear Dr. Brown:

Your letter of the 14th instant forwarded from Lagunitas reached me this morning.

I shall be very glad to see Mr. Goldsmith's collection of Indian baskets and hope you may be able to persuade him to give them to the Museum of the California Academy of Sciences where there are already a great many beautiful pieces of that now nearly lost art.

I expect to return to Lagunitas before the end of May and some time later will be delighted to go with you at your convenience to see the collection.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dr. Philip King Brown,
Medical Building,
San Francisco,
California.

May 5, 1921.

Dear Herman:

Very many thanks for your kindness in writing me. I appreciate your sympathy and beg to assure you and your family that I am now practically well and hope to return to California before the end of the present month. The only question about the date arises from the unfortunate circumstance that the apartment house in which my office is located has undertaken the sale of individual apartments and declines to continue any leases.

We have just concluded a three days' session of The American Society of Mammalogists with accompanying evening entertainments. This followed a meeting of The National Academy of Sciences and was overlapped by a meeting of the Government Geographic Board so that at the present moment I feel like taking a little vacation in the back woods and would give a good deal to be at Lagunitas.

We have had a phenomenally mild winter but just now are in the midst of a cold, rainy spell which caused us to rekindle our furnace fire.

I trust you had a profitable and enjoyable trip in the Sierra.

We all are glad to know that you expect to make

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Lagunitas your headquarters for two or three months this summer. This causes us to suspect something. In any event, we shall be very glad to see you and your family.

With best wishes from all of us to all of you,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Herman Henderson,
286 Jayne St.,
Oakland, Calif.

May 5, 1921.

Dr. Charles S. Moody,
Menan, Idaho.

Dear Dr. Moody:

Replying to your letter of April 26 received since I wrote you a few days ago, would say that I am glad to know that you have a son who is interested in biological work.

Since I resigned from the Directorship of the Biological Survey ten years ago I have not been in a position to employ young men personally, but the Biological Survey under its present chief, Dr. E. W. Nelson, has use for a number of young men in different lines of its work.

You have given me no information whatever as to the fields of biological work in which your son is interested. Has he done any work with North American mammals, birds, reptiles, or plants; and has he made any collections? How old is he? Is he a graduate of the University of Idaho?

Any information that would point to the kind of work he is equipped for would be of service. On receipt of this information I should be glad to speak to Dr. Nelson about him.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 5, 1921.

Mr. J. P. Harrington,
Bureau of Ethnology,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Harrington:

Your letter of April 29 gives me the welcome permission to publish in my forthcoming book on Yosemite Indians your poem on Miss Gordon Cumming's picture. I thank you very much for this but would like to add that since my book is not likely to appear for nearly a year, you might care to publish the poem elsewhere previously. In either case, I shall be delighted to add it to my book.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 5, 1921.

Dear Sheldon:

A book list from Daniel H. Newhall (#153) came in to-day's mail. It contains one item that may be of interest to you or Wagner, namely, an edition of Alexander Henry edited with notes by James Bain and accompanied by portraits and folded map, Boston, 1901. I never heard of this edition before and do not find it in Wagner.

Hastily yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Charles Sheldon,
3102 Q St., Washington, D. C.

May 5, 1921.

Mr. Benjamin Adams,
Wethersfield, Conn.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 2nd instant would say that I am sending you herewith a copy of a publication on the Fauna and Flora of Allegany County, Western Maryland, which contains Preble's Summer Birds of Western Maryland which you asked for.

By the same mail I am sending copies of addenda to a couple of my local lists. I regret that the original articles and earlier addenda are no longer available for distribution.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 5, 1921.

Major E. A. Goldman,
Biological Survey,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Goldman:

In your talk on Panama mammals a few days ago you showed a face view picture of Macrogeomys.

During the past few years I have become much interested in this view of mammals but unfortunately find very few illustrations taken in such manner as to show the face from in front. I should appreciate the favor therefore if you could send me a print from your negative of Macrogeomys. A moderate enlargement would be still better.

I think Bailey once photographed an Aplodontia from the same point of view; doubtless his negative is in the Survey collection.

I should be very glad to obtain prints of head-on views of any mammals at any time, but as the Survey has no photographic laboratory at present, I fear it would be asking too much to suggest that the photographer pick out such views from the extensive series of mammal photographs in the collection.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 6, 1921.

Mr. H. G. Ridgway,
Pacific Gas and Electric Co.,
San Rafael, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your communication without date addressed to me at Lagunitas, would state that had the electric service been extended to Lagunitas as promised several years ago I should have been a subscriber.

But owing to the long delay and also to the circumstance that I could not tolerate poles on my place, I have arranged for the installation of the Delco System.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 5, 1921.

Dear Dr. Evermann:

Many thanks for your letters of April 29 and 30, the first containing the desired information about the dates of the elk ^{captures} drive, the second prints of the seven elk photographs asked for. I have just sent payment for the photographs to the photographer in accordance with his bill.

It is good to know that Mrs. Mary Hart willed to the Academy her collection of Indian baskets. I shall be very glad to see these on my return to California. *I hope they are labeled!*

I am glad to know also that the Academy has an expedition working in the Gulf of California. They will without doubt secure a large amount of important material. For some years I tried to arrange for a Biological Survey expedition to the Gulf but failed and am very glad to know that the Academy has taken the matter up and is really going to get the long hoped for material.

I regret to note that your letter heads still carry the abominable abbreviation "Cal." for the Golden State. It is true of course that Cal. stands for calomel, calamity, and a number of other disagreeable things, but why should the most glorious state in the Union be burdened with such a

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disagreeable abbreviation, particularly in view of the circumstance that the official abbreviation Calif. carries with it the feeling of the full name?

We have just had an interesting meeting of the American Society of Mammalogists and were especially glad that California was represented by so active and able a mammalogist as Joseph Grinnell.

Inasmuch as you feel that a set of my publications would be useful in the Academy library, I am sending you herewith copies of such as still remain for distribution.

With best wishes and renewed thanks,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dr. Barton W. Evermann,
Academy of Sciences,
San Francisco, Calif.

May 6, 1921.

William Blackwood & Sons,
Edinburgh, Scotland.

Dear Sirs:

In 1884 you published a book by Miss C. F. Gordon Cumming entitled Granite Crags. Among the illustrations in this book is one of much interest to me, showing a camp of Indians in the Yosemite Valley (facing page 132).

My object in writing you is to ask permission to reproduce this illustration in a book I am writing on the Indians of the Yosemite region.

Do you happen to know what became of Miss Gordon Cumming's original drawing?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 7, 1921.

Committee on Admissions,
Cosmos Club, Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Mr. Alden Sampson of New York City, a graduate of Harvard, class of 1876, is about to come to this city to live. He is an old member of the University, Salusgundi, and Century Clubs of New York, and has been for three years chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Century Club and of its Committee on Literature. He is a member of the American Philosophical Society (Philadelphia). He is the author of a number of articles and essays on various subjects and of two volumes on Milton.

I have known Mr. Sampson for at least twenty-five years. He is a man of culture and refinement and I take pleasure in recommending him for active membership in the Club.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam

May 7, 1921.

Dear Mr. Sampson:

You certainly lost no time in securing quarters at the Chastleton and I am glad to know that you found something suitable to your needs.

I shall be glad, of course, to post you for membership in the Cosmos Club and will write the necessary letter. Shall I do this at once or wait until you come here in the fall? Since there is a considerable waiting list my feeling is that the sooner you are posted the better.

You are very good to offer me a sketch of Bryce Canyon. I should of course appreciate it but hate to deprive you of what must be an interesting reminder of a wonderful region.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

Mr. Alder Sampson,
The Century Association,
7 West 43rd St.,
New York City.

May 7, 1921.

Superintendent of Documents,
Government Printing Office,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your post-card No. 194384 dated April 25, would state that I have to-day received Senate Doc. 1, 37th Congress, 2nd Session, vol. 1, containing the report of the Secretary of the Interior and Commissioner of Indian Affairs. This is not the report asked for, as you will see by reference to my letter and your reply. The document received is volume 1. The document desired is volume 2 containing the report of the Secretary of War including a report by Joseph Dixon on the Snake Indians. I shall be greatly obliged if you can send me the volume in question.

Respectfully,

May 9, 1921.

Mr. E. Mallinckrodt, Jr.,
Mallinckrodt Chemical Works,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Mallinckrodt:

Since writing you on April 7, I find that the skull of Ursus gyas from Bear River, Alaska Peninsula, obtained by Miss Annie Alexander of California and now in the Museum of the University of California (No. 4718), is larger than your big skull, as you will see from the following measurements: Greatest length of Miss Alexander's skull 480 millimeters (nearly 19 inches), of yours 465 millimeters (18½ inches); condylo-basal length of her skull 45 millimeters (17½ inches), of yours 425 millimeters (16-3/4 inches).

Your skull, however, is still the largest in the Biological Survey and National Museum collections and I have no doubt will continue to be the largest.

The five largest skulls of Ursus gyas of which I have any record, in order of size, are the following: Miss Alexander's from Bear River, E. Mallinckrodt's from Cold Bay, C. G. Mixer's from Port Moller, Dr. J. Wylie Anderson's from Unimak Island, and E. Steedman's from Pavlof Bay.

The skull of which you speak, presented by Mr. H. Cutting,

Mr. E. Mallinckrodt, Jr.

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is by no means so large as those above mentioned.

In compliance with your request, I will return the skull of your she Bear, mother of the cubs you presented to the St. Louis Zoo. But do not imagine that we consider the skull of little value in the collection.

Referring again to the matter of the relative abundance of Ursus gyas and U. kidderi in the Pavlof Bay region, would state that we have in our collection eight skulls of kidderi labeled Pavlof Bay, and of gyas eighteen or twenty.

If the skull of your third Bear is adult, I should be very glad to see it in accordance with your kind offer, but if young it would hardly be worth while.

Col. McGuire of Denver, Editor of Outdoor Life, has just written me asking me for measurements of our largest specimens of Ursus gyas and also of some large Grizzlies. These I will send him in a day or two.

In speaking of big Bears, it is always necessary to remember that the great Kadiak Bear, Ursus middendorffi, is one of the largest, if not the largest, of all the Bears of the world. But the proportions of its skull are so different from those of ordinary Bears that its size, judging from total length and length of base of skull, appears at a disadvantage. It is really a monstrous skull, domed and exceedingly broad and massive.

Very truly yours.

C. Hart Merriam

May 9, 1921.

Col. H. C. Rizer,
U. S. Geological Survey,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Col. Rizer:

A recent list of the Survey's publications mentions two map sheets in California which I have not yet seen, namely, Indian Gulch, and Metz. I shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly send me two copies of each of these for official use.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 9, 1921.

Mr. Frank Schwartz,
1809 Lafayette Ave.,
St. Louis, Mo.

My dear Sir:

Since my return from California I have been told that you have published a paper on the Mammals of Missouri. Will you not kindly send me a copy with bill for same?

And oblige,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 9, 1921.

Miss Evelyn Morey,
1908 Sixteenth St.,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Miss Morey:

Your letter of the 7th instant is at hand. Your memory is excellent as to the last day you worked in my office but appears to be defective as to time lost. You will doubtless remember that you did not come at all on April 5, but phoned me that you would not be here that day. You will remember that you were away the last half of one afternoon and that you habitually came a little late and left a little early and that you habitually stretched lunch hour, sometimes even doubling it. If you will do your figuring in view of these facts, you will find that you have been paid for quite a little more time than you actually worked.

Please sign the enclosed voucher and return to Mr. Adams in accompanying envelope.

Very truly yours,
E. H. Adams

May 9, 1921.

Dr. E. W. Nelson,
Chief U. S. Biological Survey,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Nelson:

Col. Mc Guire, editor of Outdoor Life, has asked me for some measurements of skulls of big Alaska bears and of corresponding measurements from some of our largest Grizzlies. He mentions five of each as about the number he would like. He asks also for photographs of the skulls for reproduction in an article in Outdoor Life.

I have been to the Museum two or three times lately and secured the measurements he wished, but am not able to attend to the photographs. He is particularly interested in the skull of an old male ²⁴recently presented to our collection by E. Mallinckrodt, Jr., of St. Louis. This skull is No. 235991 and has never been photographed. It is the longest bear skull of any species in either the Biological Survey or National Museum collection. Is it practicable for Kent to make the usual views of this skull? If so, and duplicate prints are sent me, I will forward one set to Col. Mc Guire.

Col. McGuire desires also photographs of skulls of Ursus middendorffii (No. 96509) and of several Grizzlies.

Dr. E. W. Nelson

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I do not believe that he needs as many as he thinks he does and therefore would suggest making a selection for him from the negatives already on hand. It seems to me that the following would answer his purpose:

Ursus horribilis, No. 202739
Ursus maritimus, No. 160155
Ursus rogersi, No. 222983
Ursus bairdi, labeled "Yountz near Cheyenne."

These with the middendorffi already mentioned and the Mallinckrodt's monster gyas, No. 235991, not yet photographed, would make a fine series. If you will have glossy prints made of these, I shall be glad to forward them to Col. Mc Guire with the necessary data and measurements.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

BEAR SKULL PHOTOGRAPHS WANTED BY
COL. MC GUIRE, EDITOR OF OUTDOOR LIFE.

These Prints of upper and side views from negatives already in
Biological Survey collection:

Ursus middendorffi, No. 96509
Ursus horribilis, No. 202739
Ursus magister, No. 160155
Ursus rogersi, No. 222983
Ursus beardi, labeled "Yountz, near Cheyenne."

In addition to these, the usual series of photographs of
the Mallinckrodt gyas, No. 235991, is needed (2 prints each of
top and side views, one print each of the remainder of the usual
series). This skull has not yet been photographed and is the
largest in the collection of the Biological Survey and National
Museum. It was recently presented by Mr. Mallinckrodt of
St. Louis. — *can.*

May 9, 1921

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Mr W. I. Adams, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution

Dear Mr Adams:

Herewith I am enclosing my expense account for April,
amounting to \$18.58, and vouchers for Zenaida Merriam, Assistant,
\$45.50, and A.C. McCain for a Grizzly skull, \$10., which I shall be
obliged if you will kindly pay as usual from the Harriman fund.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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1919 Sixteenth St., Washington, D. C.

	Sub- voucher No.	
April 1 Library Paste, Quart Jar	1	\$1 50
5 Joseph Hendricks, Ashton, Idaho Skull Black Bear		1 00
7 Subscription Canadian Forestry Magazine	2	2 00
21 Gabriel Moulin, 7 Photos of Elk		70
27 500 Index Cards	3	1 50
28 Superintendent Documents, Senate Ex. Doc. 1, 37 Congress, 2nd Session		1 83
30 Charwomen for Cleaning Office	4	5 00
Janitor		1 00
Electric Current Feb. 22-Mar. 23	5	1 00
Electric Current Mar. 23-Apr. 22	6	1 00
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May 10, 1921.

Dr. Barton W. Evermann,
Academy of Sciences,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Dr. Evermann:

After putting into envelopes the separates I promised you a few days ago, I found that I had the original volume 1 of the Transactions of the Linnaean Society of New York containing the first part of my 'Mammals of the Adirondacks.' I had also a copy of the second part, so I put the two together and arranged them for the binder. This will give you the complete volume just as it finally appeared in 1884. I want to present this to your library in permanent form, and should be obliged therefore if you will have it bound as arranged, and let me have the bill when I see you, which I hope will be early in June. The book has been out of print for many years and unobtainable.

I have to-day shipped the package to you by express and trust that it may arrive safely.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 17, 1921.

Mr. John Joy Edson,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Edson:

You have attained the ripe age of seventy-five years and are still in full vigor of body and mind. This bespeaks a strong constitution coupled with a life of industry, sobriety, and self-control.

For nearly three score years you have labored in this community and have helped shape its development from a commonplace town to the most beautiful city in America. You have been prominent in its business and municipal affairs and have filled numerous positions of honor and responsibility. In all of these varied activities your good sense, integrity, fairness and unfailing regard for others have gained you the esteem, respect, and affection of your fellow men. The story of your life is your monument.

With best wishes that you may still enjoy many more years of health and usefulness,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 11, 1921.

Dear Walter:

This is merely a report of progress. I was glad to learn from your letter that my collection of papers relating to fishes and invertebrates would prove useful in your laboratory.

Since hearing from you, I have been at work on the job, and I think you will be surprised at both the quantity and quality of the publications. I have not yet begun packing for I am still digging out and sorting. A few have been left in that do not strictly fall under either of the aforementioned headings. Some of them, however, may serve to produce a relaxation of the facial muscles. Will let you know when shipment is made.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dr. Walter K. Fisher,
Biological Laboratory,
Pacific Grove, Calif.

May 11, 1921.

Mr. J. D. Figgins,
Director Colorado Museum Natural History,
Denver, Colo.

Dear Mr. Figgins:

I have just learned from reading a copy of Col. McGuire's new book entitled In the Alaska-Yukon Gamelands that you have named a new Caribou in his honor. This leads me to ask if you will kindly send me a copy of the original publication in which you described the species. Any expense connected with the same I shall, of course, be glad to remit.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 11, 1921.

Professor John M. Clarke,
Director State Museum,
Albany, New York.

Dear Professor Clarke:

I have recently learned that your Museum has published an illustrated work on the plants of New York State. If you will kindly have a copy of this work sent to my Washington address with bill for same, I will remit promptly, and shall be obliged for your courtesy in the matter.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 11, 1921.

Honorable Gifford Pinchot,
Milford, Pa.

Dear Mr. Pinchot:

Alden Sampson of New York City has asked me to propose him for resident membership in the Cosmos Club and tells me that he thinks you will be willing to second his nomination and write the necessary letter to the Committee on Admissions.

On going to the Club for the proposal slip, I was given the enclosed blank and was told that the present practice is for the Committee on Admissions to do the posting after the receipt of the necessary letters. If, therefore, you will kindly sign the accompanying proposal with me and forward it either to the Committee on Admissions or to me, I think the necessary formalities will have been complied with. I have already sent the Committee my letter.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 11, 1921.

Mr. C. R. Johnstone,
Ketchikan, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of April 10 has been forwarded to me
by the Biological Survey.

You tell me that you have ten skulls of Bears, small
and large, but do not say where they were killed. If you
know where each one was killed, and if each skull is properly
labeled with the locality where killed, and carefully packed
so that they will not be broken in transit, I will pay for
them what they are worth. At the same time I wish to state
that I am not now paying such high prices as formerly, particularly
for skulls of females and young Bears. The skulls
of old he Bears are the ones most needed in our collection.

Please pack the skulls carefully and send by express
addressed, U. S. Biological Survey, Department of Agriculture,
Washington, D. C. Your name should be written on the outside
of the package as well as on each label. The package should
be shipped charges collect.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

P. S. What tribe is your war club from? The Museum might be
glad to have it.

May 12, 1921.

Mr. Arthur H. Fisher,
2006 Columbia Road,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

Your exhibit of moving pictures of animals during the recent meeting of the American Society of Mammalogists was to me the most attractive and interesting illustration of animal life that I have ever seen. The still pictures are of unusual excellence, while those of animals in motion, taken with the Akeley camera, are unique. I was impressed by the unusual clearness and perfect definition of the pictures, and by the wonderful way in which they exhibit the characteristic positions and movements of the various species. Their value to artists and taxidermists is beyond measure; while to naturalists, particularly students of mammals, they afford unprecedented opportunity for studies of form and proportion.

It would be a great thing for science if every natural history museum and institution in the country could have a set of these films so arranged that they could be used whenever needed, and a great thing for education if they could be shown frequently in our schools in order to correct the false impressions that our school children acquire from the

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horrible 'illustrations' of animals that serve to break the monotony of some of the school books and other publications to which they have access.

Congratulating you on your success in this work,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 13, 1921.

Mr. Charles S. Sloane, Secretary,
U. S. Geographic Board,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Sloane:

The enclosed letter from Dr. George Bird Grinnell concerning the name of what is currently known as "Lower St. Mary's Lake" in Glacier National Park has just arrived and I am forwarding it to you to bring before the Executive Committee.

Dr. Grinnell shows clearly that this is the body of water to which the name Chief Mountain Lake was applied by Doty in 1854. For many years, in the seventies and early eighties, I was familiar with this name, and when in Glacier Park a few years ago wondered what had become of it.

Inasmuch as both upper and lower lakes are now known under the name St. Mary's, I am glad to second Dr. Grinnell's suggestion that the name Chief Mountain Lake be restored to the lower of the two.

Dr. Grinnell, as you doubtless know, is the person through whose efforts Glacier National Park was established, and for whom Grinnell Glacier and Grinnell Mountain were named. He was also, many years ago, the first to announce the existence of extensive glaciers in this region.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Maria

Investigations on the 5th part of the road. At about 100 m. from the road a small stream flows into the road. The water is very muddy and the stream is very shallow.

May 13, 1921.

Mr. Charles S. Sloane, Secretary,
U. S. Geographic Board,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Sloane:

The enclosed letter from George F. Cram, President of the George F. Cram Company at Chicago, has just reached me, along with a copy of a letter addressed to him by Francis E. Smith of Tacoma relating to the re-naming of Washington Sound.

Would it not be well to refer this letter to Mr. McGuire of the Coast Survey? I have not replied to Mr. Cram's letter as I have not time to dig into the history of the case.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart

May 13, 1921.

Mr. William Ullman, Secretary,
American Automobile Association,
Riggs Building, Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Ullman:

Your letter of yesterday has just arrived, and I am glad to know that the annual meeting of the A. A. A. is to be held in Washington this year. I regret, however, that I shall not be able to attend the dinner on Monday evening.

Before returning to California in the near future I hope to call and see Mr. Batchelder and yourself.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart

May 13, 1921.

Dr. George Bird Grinnell,
238 East 15th St.,
New York City.

Dear Grinnell:

Your letter of yesterday enclosing a communication to the U. S. Geographic Board has just arrived and I will take pleasure in presenting it at the next meeting of the Board's Executive Committee.

It seems to me it would be an excellent thing to adopt the name Chief Mountain Lake for the one now known as "Lower St. Mary's Lake", and let the upper one stand to perpetuate Mary's name. I do not feel sure, however, that the Board will be willing to do this in view of the number of years that the name Mary's has been attached to both lakes, and the number of maps on which it is engraved. However, we shall see. In any event, I am greatly obliged to you for contributing so complete a statement of the history of the names.

I am still searching for Miss White's Seminary and will let you know if it is found.

In looking over my "Padouca" memoranda, I find little or nothing additional to your material, nearly all my references being either the same as yours or second-hand. If you have any separates of your Padouca article, I should appreciate one for filing.

May 13, 1921.

G. E. Stechert & Co.,
151-155 West 25th St.,
New York City.

Dear Sirs:

I shall be obliged if you will kindly send me with bill for same the International Journal of American Linguistics, all published to date, except No. 1 which I already have.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 13, 1921.

Mr. Frank Stephens,
San Diego, Calif.

Dear Mr. Stephens:

Very many thanks for your thoughtfulness in sending me your annotated lists of mammals, amphibians, and reptiles of San Diego County, received in this morning's mail.

It is good to have the reliable data you have collected and here brought together recorded in permanent form. I wish, however, that you had written an introduction giving the physical and zonal features of San Diego County for the benefit of those not familiar with its extraordinary contrasts in relief, climate, and faunal and floral peculiarities.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 13, 1921.

Mr. O. P. Austin,
The National City Bank,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Austin:

Your important essay entitled Trading with the New Countries of Central Europe reached me by this morning's mail, and I have already scanned it and read parts of it with great interest. To my mind it is a work of permanent historic as well as commercial interest, and copies of it should be in all our libraries and also in the higher grades of our schools.

You certainly are to be congratulated on having brought together such a mine of valuable and pertinent information. I thank you for the copy you have so kindly sent me.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 14, 1921.

Mr. Frank Schwarz,
1809 Lafayette Ave.,
St. Louis, Mo.

My dear Mr. Schwarz:

Many thanks for your kindness in sending me your paper on Mammals of Missouri which I have read with interest. Unfortunately the publication is not dated. I assume it was published in 1920.

In reply to your request for suggestions I would offer the following: In speaking of the Fox Squirrel's enemies you mention the Wild Cat, Gray Fox, and Raccoon. Are you sure that the Coon is an enemy of this Squirrel? This idea is new to me.

In speaking of the Woodchuck you say, "The question has been brought forth whether these animals know that they will hibernate during the cold weather." I would advise striking out this sentence as it seems hardly rationable to think that such an animal would know in advance that it was going to do anything of this kind.

In the matter of the arrangement of species, the Prairie Meadow Mouse (Microtus austerni) and the Pine Mouse (Pitymys pinetorum) should follow the Meadow Mouse (Microtus pennsylvanicus). As the matter stands, you have put the White-footed Mouse and the Harvest Mouse, belonging to other genera, be-

Mr. Frank Schwarz

tween species of the genus Microtus. The Lemming Mouse (Synaptomys gossii) should also follow the Mice of the genus Microtus.

In speaking of the Muskrat, you say that its house is "very similar and often practically identical, except in dimensions, with that of the Beaver." Are you sure that this is the case? I have never seen a Muskrat house with sticks in it.

In speaking of the Fox, you state that the Black or Silver Fox "receives its name from the fact that the tip of its tail is white, and from the occasional white-tipped hairs scattered through the otherwise black fur." Surely the white tip of the tail had nothing to do with the name.

The Foxes you put with the Wolves in the genus Canis. The Red Foxes belong to the genus Vulpes; the Gray Foxes to the genus Urocyon.

In telling about the Bears, you state that "only four varieties are in North America." There are more than this number of species of Black Bears, not to mention something like eighty kinds of the Big Bears. You may obtain a better notion of this group from my Review of the Grizzlies and Big Brown Bears of North America, a copy of which I am sending you herewith.

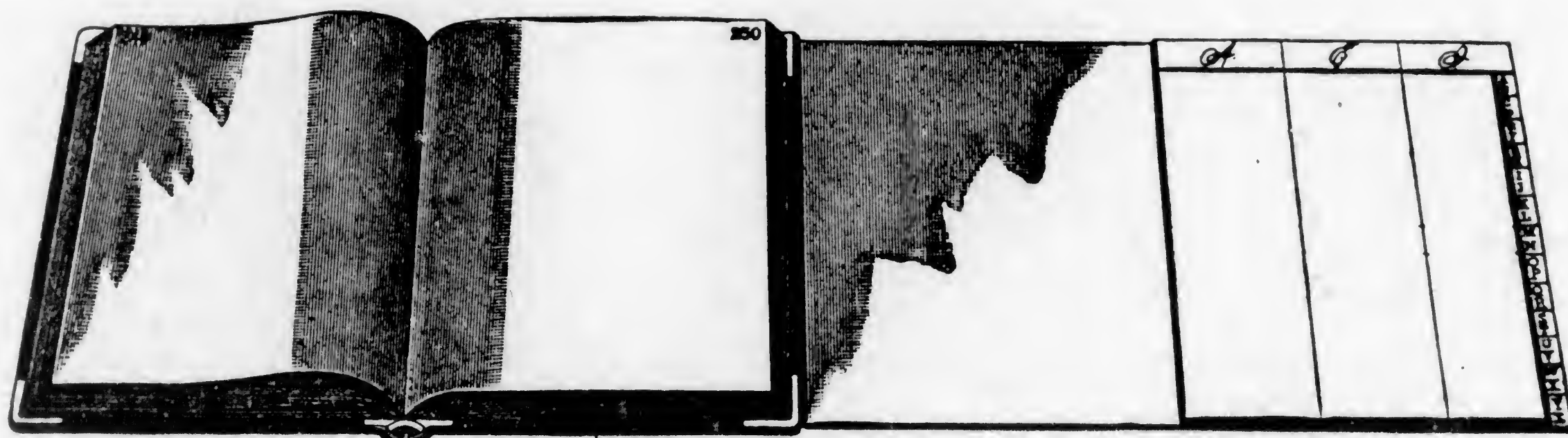
Can you give me the reference to the publication of your mammal paper in the St. Louis Natural History Museum Association? If I had the correct address, I would like to write for a copy.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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